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#### NOVEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00am: Family Service (for children and adults)
10:30am: Adult Service (children attending religious education)

#### November 1 All Soul's Service

This is one of the most moving services of the church year. You are invited to light a candle for a loved one who has died but is with you in spirit. We will affirm that love is deeper than death and that both grief and death are natural parts of human life. We will draw on themes from All Souls Day and Halloween to affirm the gift of life.



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

#### November 8 What North Carolina Has Taught Me

We are happy and excited to welcome back the Reverend Deborah Cayer to the pulpit. Deb was minister at the Unitarian Church of Sharon from 1996 to 2008. She is now minister of one of our larger Unitarian Universalist Congregations - Eno River UU located in Durham, North Carolina. Deb writes: "Eight years ago I moved south to serve a congregation in Durham, NC, just as local politics were becoming mean spirited and empty of moral grounding. So why do I feel so lucky and blessed?" Come found out!

#### November 15 The Refugee Crisis Here and Around the World

The refugee crisis on the Mexico/US border and the refugee crisis in Europe/Middle East are challenging our basic concepts of human dignity, justice, and national identity. How do we balance national sovereignty versus human rights and compassion? What does it mean to "Stand on the Side of Love"?

#### November 22 Thanksgiving and the Power of Gratitude

Gratitude is one of the most important and powerful spiritual values. Without an active practice of gratitude, our life is pulled down into a morass of worry and negative news. But when gratitude stays at the center of our spirituality, we can get through tough times and continue to celebrate the gift of life.

#### November 29 Our Environmental Ethic

As we approach the critical United Nations Conference on Climate Change, this service will explore (globally and locally) our environmental ethics and how they lead us into action. This Sunday we will welcome folks from our other Five Star Cluster churches to worship with us.

#### **Sharon Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday, Nov. 22, 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, 59 Cottage Street, Sharon

The Thanksgiving address will be shared between the new Imam at the Sharon Mosque, Sheikh Abdur Rehman Ahmad, and the new Rabbi at Temple Israel, Rabbi Ron Fish. A one time community choir will be singing (come at 5:30pm to rehearse). Clergy or laity from Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Unitarian, and Islamic traditions will participate. Appropriate for all ages. Join us for this inspiring Sharon tradition.

#### From the Minister

#### Gratitude and Survival

It is commonly said that the Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving because they were grateful to have survived the harsh winter. But I think a deeper understanding is that they were able to survive the harsh winter because they had an attitude of gratitude which kept them going, even during the darkest hours. Humanity is in a similar situation today. The scientific models predicting the results of global warming range from painfully difficult (if we cut back carbon emissions) to human extinction (if we do nothing). From Nov. 30 to Dec. 11 the United Nations is sponsoring a Climate Change Conference in Paris, France. The objective is to realize a legally binding agreement on climate to which all the nations in the world sign up to. This is an opportunity to save humanity. It means we must choose gratitude over greed, humility over grandiosity. When we are deeply grateful we don't need a lot of stuff. We don't need a lot of carbon emissions. We already know what joy is. But if we lack gratitude we forever have a hole in our heart and try to fill it up with more and more stuff requiring carbon emissions. So let's be grateful and work towards the survival of the human community.

Jim Robinson



# **Presidential Ponderings**

I hope everyone been aware that we have made a cluster of five nearby churches (Sharon, Foxboro, Stoughton, Canton, and North Easton) for mutual support and cooperative events. One of the activities will be attending other church's services. Some of the smaller churches may shut down for the day and everyone will go to another church while larger churches, like us, will send members. Earlier this month Foxboro opened their church for other members in the cluster to attend. Several of us attended as part of a group of maybe a dozen people from other cluster churches. It's always interesting to visit other UU churches. The covenant is a bit different, parts of the services are conducted in a different way, and even the music is different. One interesting thing Foxboro does is during 'Joys and Concerns' the speaker goes to the front of the church and lights a candle while presenting. Nice folks there and I'm glad for the opportunity to meet them.

I wanted to mention something that will come up for discussion at the next Board of Trustees meeting. It's a subject that comes up every year or so. Because of that I don't feel I am violating any conventions by bringing it up now. Some people can walk better than others. We regrettably don't have enough on-site parking so some members end up parking a bit of a walk away. Some members find the walk difficult. Other members, who are in good shape and are parking in our parking lot, wouldn't mind a long walk at all. I am asking people when they use the lot to consider if other people might need and appreciate the parking spot better. They would do the others a favor if they didn't park in the lot. In general this is only an issue before and during services and large activities. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jim Mullin, President

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

# Religious Education FAQ

**Q:** What is Revels?

**A:** Revels is a worship service led by children and youth. It will be held this year on December 13.

Revels is also a time of preparation. In November and early December each group of children prepares to lead a segment of the Revels worship service. They will rehearse in the sanctuary on December 6 from 11:45 am to 1 pm and on December 13 from 9 am to 10 am.

Revels is a time to enter into the spirit of the season. Each group will explore a story of the season. They'll imagine, play games, make big art, and sing. They'll encounter the feelings and thoughts and beauties and truths of the season. And they'll find ways to share these experiences with the congregation.

Revels is a beloved and longstanding tradition of this congregation. It has taken many forms over the years, all of which have included a celebration of Santa Lucia.

Revels is fun. It's magical. It's how we enter into the spirit of the season.

# Our Whole Lives - Comprehensive Sexuality Education for Grades 1-2



Building and maintaining healthy communication between parent and child about sexuality will be the focus of the November 8 **Parent Information Session** about *Our Whole Lives 1-2 (OWL)*. We'll watch the video *Raising Healthy Kids, Vol 1* and discuss the challenges parents face as the pri-

mary sexuality educators of their children. Kate Barber, our trained *OWL* facilitator, will share information about the upcoming *OWL* curriculum, which will be launched in this congregation in January. Childcare (fun care) and snacks are provided at no charge.

Sunday, November 8, noon-1 pm, Program A/B

## **Coming of Age Meetings in November:**

Youth only – Tuesday, November 3, 7:30-9 pm

Youth and Mentors – Tuesday, November 17, 7:30-9 pm

#### Save the Date: Revels Rehearsals

Sunday, December 6, 11:40 am to 1 pm

Sunday, December 13, 9 to 10 am

# Help Needed for Youth Group Retreats

As many of you know, every year the Junior Youth Fellowship Group and the Senior Youth Group go on overnight retreats at the Cedar Hill Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA. http://www.cedarhillcenter.org/

This year, the Junior Youth Group (middle school ages) will meet at church around 5pm or so on November 20th and will drive to Cedar Hill, make dinner and breakfast the next morning together, and enjoy the retreat atmosphere together with activities, beach walks, and fun. They will leave around 1pm the next day after lunch. The Senior Youth Group (high school ages) will arrive on Saturday November 21st around 3pm or so and stay through Sunday 11am.

As the Youth Coordinator, I am there for both group for the weekend, and we have one adult to join each group, but we may need one additional adult for each group -- the Friday overnight with the Junior Youth Group, and the Saturday overnight with the Senior Youth Group.

Would you enjoy an overnight get-away by the ocean in Duxbury, enjoying and helping to coordinate the energies in community with our youth groups? I would also ask that you arrive and depart with the youth in whichever group you'd like to help with, driving a car pool each direction. Please let Chris Scheller, Youth Coordinator, know if you are interested in volunteering and joining either of the groups (either Friday night or Saturday night). And thank you!

Chris Scheller

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS, Continued

# November in Religious Education

Stories of darkness and light have been told by many different people all over the world, so as we enter the dark time of year the Religious Education classes will focus on the special stories and traditions associated with this season. The month of November will be filled with exploration and preparation as we approach Revels on December 13th.

Preschool-Kindergarten will be learning the story of the baby born in the barn and the children will create their own barn complete with animals to share with the congregation in December.

Grade 1-2 will be exploring our relationship with the life-giving power of the sun. Their focus will be on the lifecycle of the sunflower, and as they create their own flowers and learn a seed scattering dance, they will be preparing to share all they are learning at Revels.

Grade 3-4 will explore the stories and traditions of both Hanukkah and Yule. They will hear the story of Hanukkah and learn about lighting the Menorah, and then they will dive into Yule traditions such as decking the halls, creating the wheel of the year for Revels. Throughout November the students will also learn more about our Revels celebration and what it means to lead worship.

Grade 5-6 will continue the tradition of the story in the dark. The story they will share this year is "How Hummingbird Got His Red Throat." Their month will be filled with storyboards and puppet building while they prepare their shadow puppet presentation for Revels.

Grade 7-8 will focus on Santa Lucia. The group will learn about coming of age traditions in other cultures, and will prepare to share the Swedish traditions when they lead worship with their fellow RE students on December 13th.

#### NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

**Covenant Group** – A covenant group is a small group (between 8 and 12 participants) which meet twice a month (on a Sunday evening) to discuss core spiritual and moral questions. If you would like to participate in one of our covenant groups contact Jim Robinson at revrobinson@uusharon.org.

**Children's Choir** - The children's choir meet every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm (pizza included!), under the direction of Forbesy Russell. New children are always welcome.

Children's Theatre and Drama Group – Led by Alice Springer, our children's theatre and drama group will meet at 4:15pm on Nov. 4 and Nov. 18, but will not meet on Nov. 11 or Nov. 25. New Children are always welcome.

**Book Group** – Meets Wed. Nov. 4 at 7:30pm to discuss "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. This is the UUA Common read for this church year.

**Adult Choir** – Directed by Jennifer Spencer, the adult choir is always open to new singers. They rehearse on Wed. evenings and Sunday morning but you do not have to make all the rehearsals to be an active member. For information contact Jennifer at nifandi@comcast.net.

**Gentle Yoga** - Taught by Sylvia Mignon, Gentle Yoga will meet on Thursday Nov. 5 and Thurs. Nov. 12 at 7:30pm. Appropriate for all levels of ability.

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# NOVEMBER PROGRAMS, Continued

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**Potluck Supper** – Friday, November 6, 6pm in the vestry. Bring a dish and enjoy the company.

#### **Conversations at the Meetinghouse**

Friday, November 6, 7pm

The title of our presentation is "Crescent Ridge: A 200 Year History". Crescent Ridge dairy farm and ice cream vendor in Sharon has been owned by the Parrish family since 1932, but the history of the property goes back hundreds of years. Third generation owner Mark Parrish presents a history of the property through to its current use. There may even be some free ice cream! Come learn about Sharon's oldest continuous business and one of our finest traditions.

**MMAS** Theatre Outing – On Saturday Nov. 7 a group from UCS will go to the MMAS theatre in Mansfield to enjoy "Godspell". If you would like to attend you need to contact Pat McDougal.

**Women's Support Group** – Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm. New comers are welcome. For information contact Kathleen at k.guilday@comcast.net.

**Men's Support Group** – Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 8pm. New comers are welcome. For information contact Jim at revrobinson@uusharon.org.

**Movie Night** – On Friday, Nov. 13 at 7pm we will view and discuss the award winning movie "Brokeback Mountain". The popcorn is free!

Let's Laugh Today- Saturday, November 14th, 11am-noon in Program Rooms A/B and every second Saturday of the month. Special guests this month as the laughter yoga leader training group from Walpole will be joining in the fun! 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.

**Writer's Group** – Meets Sunday, Nov. 15, 12pm to 1pm. Come share your original poems or prose with a supportive group and enjoy the conversation which arises from such sharing.

**Couples Enrichment Group** – Facilitated by Jim and Appleseed Robinson, the group meets on Thursday evening, Nov. 19, 7:30pm. All personal sharing is only done between partners. A fun way to connect with you partner!

**Inner Matrix Book Group** – This group combines meditation with the discussion of Joey Klein's book "The Inner Matrix – A Guide to Transforming Your Life and Awakening Your Spirit". The group meets each Monday evening. If interested contact Barbara Rose at 781-784-3549.

**Meditation Group -** Our meditation group meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. New comers are always welcome.

**Vestry Art Display** – for the months of November and December the art display in the vestry is the art work of Dinah Altman.

# NOVEMBER PROGRAMS, Continued

# <u>NOT JUST ANOTHER COFFEE HOUSE</u>

# Saturday, November 21, 7pm Steve Tapper and Friends



Steve Tapper (flute) will be joined by Audie Bridges (guitar) and other musical friends for a beautiful evening of music. They have played twice before at our coffee house to enthusiastic audiences. After a long career as a flutist, Steve recently earned his Masters in Music from the Longley School of Music. He will share some of his original compositions which were composed for his Masters Degree music recital. Tapper and Bridges have been performing together since 1986 and their repertoire includes distinctive, well crafted original compositions as well as jazz, classical, folk, blues, and world music. Steve plays a flute, alto flute, bass flute, piccolo, eight keyed flute, Renaissance flute, and recorders while Audie plays classical guitar, steel string guitar, twelve string guitar, electrical guitars, and laud. They have released a number of popular CD's. And while immersed in their music you can enjoy our home made desserts and free trade beverages. All for \$15 (or whatever you can afford – no one is turned away).

# Give Yourself the Gift of Joy

Divine Moves offers music and movement as a spiritual practice and path to wellness. This uplifting spirit-body practice restores a healing connection to joy through simple, flowing moves to beautiful, inspiring music. Easy, repetitive moves and free dance invite you to deepen your connection to earth, open your heart, and awaken and embody spirit. More info: <a href="https://www.divinemoves.com">www.divinemoves.com</a>.

Sessions at the church are led by trained Divine Moves facilitator, Louise Marcoux. No fee. Your clothing should allow you to move freely.

Sanctuary: the music of Donna DeLory Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 - 9 pm Saturday, November 21, 9 am -10:30 am

Anand: the music of Snatam Kaur Monday, November 23, 7:30 - 9 pm Wednesday, December 9, 1-2:30 pm.

# Tell Me the Truth

Exploring the Heart of Cross-Racial Conversations Sunday, November 8 ♦ 3:00 pm



UU Urban Ministry 10 Putnam St. Roxbury, MA 02119

# Please join us!



Our very special guests are **Shay Stew-art-Bouley**, the first African American Executive Director of Community Change Inc., a Boston-based anti-racist organization; and **Debby Irving**, author of "Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race." Free and open to all!

For more information, contact Rev. Rebecca Hinds at <u>rhinds @ uuum.org</u> or 617-318-6010 x214 Directions at <u>www.uuum.org/directions</u>

# Notes from Members

Dear UCS.

After 25 years in New England I am moving at the end of December to Colorado. My folks live there as well as most of the tribe. I grew up there, and I have decided that this is the time to head back.

I want to thank so many of you for making my years here in Sharon an enjoyable time. Many of you hired me to work on your houses and for that I am very grateful. Working on church stuff and just having fun together has been awesome.

There are two more things I am hoping you can help me with: first and foremost I am looking for a home for my dog, a wonderful 10 year-old Sheltie. He's a wonderful dog (did I already say that) in so many ways and I love him. If you or someone you know might be interested we can talk about it and perhaps do a trial home-stay for a few days if that makes sense.

And secondly, I've decided to travel light, and thus I am unloading a few things: an electric clothes drier that has been only slightly used, lots of hand tools and small power tools and screws and fasteners, a pellet stove, a couple of sinks and a dozen other small things. Please call or email or text me if there is something you are looking for or if you would like to browse through my stuff.

Thanks again for your support and companionship.

Philip Conover

9/25/15

Hi Jim & Company,

Through his note, Chuck and I want to say goodbye and thank you to the UU Church of Sharon. A great job opportunity for me north of Boston which is, as it turns out, close to where Chuck works convinced us to sell our home in Foxboro and move to Winchester. This will happen in about 2 very short weeks!

We enjoyed our almost 20 years as UU Congregation members and we will miss the friendships we made over the years. We will miss the music and the monkeystories and the coffee chats. We will miss Christmas Eve, Bean Supper and Joys/Concerns. Thank you to everyone. We will miss you all.

Love, Karen and Chuck McHugh



Holden Robert McGregor Rourse was joyfully dedicated at UCS on Sunday, Oct. 11

# Worship Feedback

Your hard-working worship committee welcomes feedback from you all--and not just in the annual survey. Worship committee members are Valerie White (chair), Meg Quin Dussault, Tom D'Avanzo, David Nichamoff, Patty Fitzgerald, Beth Hoke, and Melissa Leonard. We'd love to hear from you face to face or by email or phone about things you've liked or disliked or suggestions you have about worship! Talk to us.

# Emergency Preparedness: How to evacuate the building

If the fire alarm goes off during worship, everyone in the sanctuary should leave the building by the nearest exit. This includes parents. All should gather on the side lawn and await instruction from emergency responders. Once the emergency responders have given the all-clear, parents may pick up their children from the RE caretakers at the meeting point.

Religious education volunteers and childcare staff are trained in evacuation procedures. They will escort all children in their care out of the building. They will assemble their groups at the meeting point by the shed and the playground fence. There they'll re-take attendance and await instruction from emergency responders. Once the all clear sounds, they will be ready to turn children over to the care of their parents.

Immediate opening for Church Secretary at First Parish Universalist Church, Stoughton. www.uustoughtonma.org for more information.



# Partnership Updates

The Unitarian Church of Sharon has two "partner Unitarian churches": the Gyulakuta Unitarian Fellowship in Transylvania, Romania and the John Pounds Memorial Unitarian Church in Portsmouth, England, UK. In September our brown envelope collection was for aid to the Gyulakuta Unitarian Fellowship. It is a small Unitarian community without a church building and where the average cash income is just a few dollars a day. We raised and sent them \$761. Of this, \$300 will be for a scholarship for their one teenage youth to attend high school, and the other \$461 will be for whatever needs they deem most important......At our recent Sept. 27 service we celebrated a new partnership (or "twinning" in British English) with the Unitarian Church in Portsmouth, England. Two members of the Portsmouth Church spoke that morning to us. They brought back a list of UCS folks who signed up to be internet "pen pals" and they are working on making those connections. They have about sixty members and you can learn about them by googling their name. The photo on the left is of the interior of the John Pounds Memorial Unitarian Church.

# When Are You Coming Back?

This was the question asked by our Partner Church in Gyulakuta, Romania when Paul and I, the McGregors, and David Nelson visited four years ago. This September, I revisited the friends we made then and received the same warm welcome. This was also an opportunity to present David with his scholarship. Public schools in Romania are very poor, so all parents try to send their children to competitive high schools. There are many expenses: uniforms, books and supplies, tuition, boarding costs and transportation. David's mother has lost her teaching position because of health issues, so this financial assistance is tremendously welcome.

I also had an opportunity to meet the congregation's new minister, Rev. Lorant Tokes, and his delightful family. Over a delicious dinner, he and I talked about his hopes for his ministry in Gyulakuta and the needs of our partner congregation, which is small and aging. David is the only remaining youth; young people leave for an education and there few employment opportunities after they graduate.

Transylvania is very rural, but its lack of development means its historic villages are still beautiful and unspoiled; many are UNESCO heritage sites. The UU Partner Church Council arranged the details of my stay: a car and a driver who spoke excellent English and seemed to know the Unitarian minister in every village. David served as my translator, and we had a memorable time. (The UUPCC was also there to help when the ATM ate my bank card!)

Transylvania is also part of our religious heritage. During the Reformation/Inquisition, Unitarianism was ruthlessly extinguished in Italy, Poland and the Netherlands. But in Transylvania, on the edge of the Ottoman Empire, was it able to survive under the protection of the sultans, who wanted trouble-free borders. After centuries, it gradually spread westward.

"When are you coming back?" I was asked again. I promised that I will return for David's graduation in 2020. I am hoping that when I do, I will be traveling with some of you, enjoying the beautiful countryside, the historic Unitarian churches, and the warm hospitality of our Partner Church.

Colleen Tuck

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES - NOVEMBER 2015

The Unitarian Church of Sharon will have two worship services in November that will focus on social justice issues. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Ananda Rose, a representative from Centro Presente and Rev. Robinson will address **immigration rights**. On Nov. 29, we will focus on our responsibilities in response to **climate change**, both globally and locally. Please plan to attend for these inspirational social justice services.

The Brown Envelope offerings for November will support UCS' long-time partner for immigration rights, Centro Presente. **Centro Presente** is an organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latin American community in Massachusetts. For more information, please see <a href="https://www.cpresente.org">www.cpresente.org</a>

**Clothing Collection** – Thank you for contributing to the Clothing Collection for new immigrant families. The clothing collection will end on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, so if you intend to contribute, please do so soon. The clothing will be distributed through the Chelsea Collaborative. These families need good quality used or new items of clothing of all sizes, especially warm clothing. Donation boxes are available on Sunday mornings in the Vestry. Thank you!

**UUA Common Read for 2015-2016** – The second book discussion on "Just Mercy: A Story Of Justice And Redemption", by Bryan Stevenson, will occur on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM. We have 10 copies of the book circulating throughout the congregation. We ask that once you finish reading the book you bring it back to give someone else a chance to read it. Give it to Jim Robinson, Ellen Scott, or Mia Joiner-Moore. Copies of the book can be picked up in the church library upstairs. We look forward to continuing this discussion on justice and racial equality.

**Social Justice Movie Night** – The next social justice movie night will be on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Please watch your Sunday order of services for the announcement of the film and discussion.

**Thank you to Ellen Scott!** The members of the social justice committee would like to thank Ellen for her leadership this past year and a half as co-chair. Fortunately, she will remain as a member of the committee but step down as co-chair. Mia Joiner-Moore will continue as the SJC chair. Thank you, Ellen!

**Upcoming Social Justice Workshops!** Join members of the social justice committee for an online workshop on November 17<sup>th</sup> for "Strengthening Justice Ministries". The workshop is from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

The UU Urban Ministry is hosting the 2015 Jack Mendelsohn Forum on Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 PM, in Roxbury. The free forum topic is "Tell Me the Truth: Exploring the Heart of Cross-Racial Conversations". If interested in carpooling, please contact Beth McGregor at <a href="mailto:epimcq@aol.com">epimcq@aol.com</a>

There will be two GRACE (Growing Racial and Cultural Equity) New England Community Gatherings. The gathering on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, will be hosted by the UU Society East in Manchester, CT. The second gathering on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, will be hosted by the First Church Littleton, MA. No fee, but registration is required. Contact <a href="mailto:mgroot@uua.org">mgroot@uua.org</a>

"Preemptive Radical Inclusion: Everyone Is Always in the Room" is a workshop on November 14th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, at the First Parish Church in Brookline, MA. \$75 fee including lunch. Register at newengland@uua.org by November 9th.

"Organizing for Change: Addressing Classism in Your Faith Community" is a workshop on December 5th, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, at First Parish Church in Weston, MA. \$75 fee including lunch. Register at <a href="mailto:newengland@uua.org">newengland@uua.org</a> by November 30th.

**Social Justice Beyond UCS** – The following Massachusetts state legislative bills are moving forward. Please participate in the following hearings or contact your representatives and show your support. For more information, see uumassaction.org

Paid Family and Medical Leave Hearing –H.1718/S.1008 Hearing on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the State House Living Wage-H.1773/S.1024

"We the People Act" – H.3127 – Limiting corporate political power and big money in politics

Transgender inclusive non-discrimination protections – H.1577/S.375

Additionally, FAMM.org asks us to contact Attorney General Maura Healey to ask her to return to her push to reduce mandatory minimum sentences. Email her at <a href="mailto:ago@state.ma.us">ago@state.ma.us</a> or go to <a href="mailto:www.advocate.famm.org">www.advocate.famm.org</a>

Upcoming Dates: Wednesday, November 4th, 7:30 PM – "Just Mercy" Book Discussion

Sunday, November 8th, 11:30 AM – Lunchmaking for MainSpring House Sunday, November 15th, 10:30 AM – Immigration Rights Worship Service Tuesday, November 17th, 6:30 PM – Meeting of the Social Justice Committee

Friday, November 20th, 7:00 PM - Social Justice Movie Night

Sunday, November 29th, 10:30 AM – Climate Change Worship Service



# November 2015 Calendar

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