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## ***AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES***

10:15am each Sunday morning  
Childcare provided

### **August 7      *Knowing One Another***

Our speakers will be Mare Parker O'Toole and Liz Moore.

### **August 14      *Grace, Love, Gratitude***

Our speakers will be Jackie Disharoon and Jim Robinson.

### **August 21      *Celebrating Nature***

Our speakers will be Rick Ripley and Tom D'Avanzo.

### **August 28      *Revisiting Francis of Assisi***

Our speaker will be Jim Robinson.



### ***Office Summer Hours***

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

## ***From the Minister***

### ***A Tribute to Bill Fox***

Bill Fox was a member of the Unitarian Church of Sharon for some fifty years. His four children attended Sunday school at UCS and sang in the children's choir. Bill and his beloved wife Erna moved to Texas for a few years, but returned to Foxboro and immediately got active at UCS again. Bill did so much for the church, including being our Treasurer (which surely is the most time consuming volunteer job of them all!). He has been the driving force behind the creation of a much needed UCS endowment program to insure our long term future. Bill was active in so many UCS activities, both as a participant and as a leader. His cheerful smile greeted us nearly every Sunday morning. He will be greatly missed. We honor him by keeping the Unitarian Church of Sharon a strong, life affirming community.

-Jim Robinson

## August Programs

**Men's Group** meets Thursday, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25, at 8pm.

**Women's Group** meets Thursday, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25, 7:30pm.

**Meditation Retreat Morning** Saturday, Aug. 20, 9am to 12 noon.

This morning will be facilitated by Jim Robinson and our on-going meditation group. You may come and participate for the entire time or you may drop in for a portion of the time. We will alternate periods of sitting meditation, walking meditation, labyrinth walking, chanting, breath meditation, and Lectio Divino.

**Covenant Groups:** Covenant groups are small groups (between eight and twelve participants) which meet twice a month. Following simple guidelines for sharing (which ensure a safe, contemplative atmosphere), the groups discuss core spiritual and moral questions. If you would like to join one of our groups, which will begin meeting in September, contact Jim Robinson at [revrobinson@uusharon.org](mailto:revrobinson@uusharon.org).

**Book Group:** Our UCS book group will meet again on Wed. Sept. 7 at 7:30pm to discuss "Circling the Sun" by Paula McClain. The book group is always open to new participants.

### Ferry Beach Church Retreat

Annual end of summer Church Retreat takes place on August 26— 28th at Ferry Beach in Saco, ME. This year we are making a concerted effort to include people who are new to the church, or new to Ferry Beach, and especially families with younger children.

Ferry Beach is a wonderful place for kids. To register on-line go to [ww.ferrybeach.org](http://ww.ferrybeach.org) to reserve your lodging and meals and call the Sharon UU Church office to have your name added to the sign up sheet or sign up in person in the office. Contact Glenn Rivard for more information. Ferry Beach contact # is 207-282-4489. Free tents are available as a weekend loaner.



## Save the Date for these September Events

**Meditation group 9/5**  
at 7:30pm.

**Children's Choir 9/13**  
at 5:30pm.

**Movie Night 9/16 at**  
7pm.

**Coffee House 9/17 at**  
7pm.

**Writer's Group 9/18**  
12noon.

**Art in the Heart 9/23 at**  
7pm.

Please note that there will  
be a

### **Congregational Meeting**

immediately after church  
on

**Sunday, September 11th**  
to confirm the members  
of the ministerial search  
committee as assembled  
by the nominating  
committee.



### **64th Annual Bean Supper Changes**

The Bean Supper takes place on  
Saturday, September 10 from 5-7.

The Bean Supper will be Pot Luck Style. It won't be our usual fundraiser, but it will be fun. It will be more or less a congregation only event (and friends), similar to our father's day picnic. Food donations (bean dishes will be prepared at home) and work assignments are still needed.

Look for sign-up genius later this month.

Contact Ken Zaniwski for info.

## ***SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES - AUGUST 2016***

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. See [www.uuum.org](http://www.uuum.org) for more information.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 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](mailto:justicecommittee@uusharon.org)

**People Over Pipelines March** – 350 Mass and Mass Power Forward organized a 43-mile, five day march over July 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, to raise awareness against constructing new gas pipelines in Massachusetts. Several members of our congregation marched pieces of the route, and UCS hosted the marchers for dinner, a sleepover and breakfast. *See the photos on pages 4 and 5.*

Thank you to all of you who provided food and volunteered to help with serving the marchers. About 75 marchers, supporters and volunteers ate dinner together on July 14<sup>th</sup>. About 50 marchers stayed overnight and ate breakfast the following morning. We had plenty of food for the meals, and we were able to pass leftovers to the next stop for the marchers. We also had some leftover food that was donated to MainSpring House and to the Ilse Marks Food Pantry. Your generosity and the generosity of the No Gas Pipeline supporters from Foxboro, Sharon and Walpole were awesome. The marchers were most appreciative, and one of the marchers commented that “you have a really cool church”. Thank you for your help!

**Nicaragua Service Trip for Adults** – Plans are beginning to develop for a trip to Nicaragua in July 2017. Ten adults have already expressed interest in the possibility of working with FNE International for a week of house construction, school visits, and more in the large rural community of Chacraseca (20 minutes from the city of Leon, on the Pacific coast). We will be making more definite plans in Fall 2016. If you’d like more information, please contact Janet Schmidt at ([jcscoch@gmail.com](mailto:jcscoch@gmail.com)).

**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. A note on gift cards: we have a small number of Roche Bros. cards in stock, and we may discontinue offering them due to limited interest. Please let us know in person or via email if you would miss them when they’re gone. **Have a most wonderful summer!**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – Social Justice Committee Planning Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Coffee Hour – Lunchmaking for MainSpring House**



## *People Over Pipeline March*



On Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> dozens of people from all over Massachusetts set out to walk the route of the proposed Spectra pipeline all the way from Medway to the State House. The five-day People Over Pipelines march brought attention to the gas infrastructure project Spectra Energy is proposing. Many residents along the Q1 route became aware of the project for the first time after seeing and hearing the energetic and determined marchers making their way from town to town. A few families, who heard about the proposed gas pipeline earlier in the week, joined the marchers at Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary to walk the last miles of Thursday's leg to Sharon Center where they were cheered and welcomed by church members. UCS Social Justice Committee organizers prepared a lavish meal and offered a very hospitable make-shift dormitory space where over-night marchers stayed the first night.

In the morning after a hearty breakfast, attending to the many blisters received the previous day and hearing from a few local leaders we set out for Friday's leg of the march. It was a blistering hot day but well worth the exposure brought to this important issue. During the many rest stops and rallies speakers addressed the problems of continuing to build fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when most experts agree we need to be moving in the direction of sustainable energy and better energy efficiency.



With all that's going wrong in the world right now, participating in the People Over Pipelines march was such an uplifting experience. People coming together to carry out the most basic and exemplary form of direct action. Marchers, assisted by local police, religious institutions and proposed Q1 loop residents to participate in our democracy and make our voices heard by our legislators and ultimately the Governor.



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