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JULY SUNDAY SERVICES

10:15am each Sunday morning
Childcare provided

July 3: **“Brighten the Corner”**

Valerie White and Forbesy Russell will be our speakers. As UU’s and religious liberals, we find our hope in many places, and we are called to bring hope to one another. The hymn “Brighten the Corner” will inspire us this morning.

July 10: **“Music and Healing”**

Kathleen Guilday (harpist) and Steve Tapper (flutist) will share how music is a healing experience. Both have brought music into many settings: hospice, nursing homes, worship services, coffee houses.

July 17: **“Grace”**

Drawing for inspiration from the famous hymn “Amazing Grace”, Meg Dussault and Jim Robinson will share insights into the nature of grace. Rev. Mary Margaret from the UU Urban Ministry (UUUM) will also be sharing about the programs of the UUUM.

July 24: **“God is Dog Spelled Backwards”**

Reverend Buffy Boke, minister of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Canton, will share a sermon about finding the wonder of life in the ordinary moments.

July 31: **“Gratitude”**

Ellen Bordman and Jon Slavin will be our speakers. Inspired by the hymn “For All that is Our Lives”, Ellen and Jon will explore the theme of gratitude.

From the Minister

We have planned inspiring Sunday morning services throughout the summer. Come along and bring a friend (childcare is provided).

I will be on vacation from July 20 to August 2nd. My wife and I will be staying with friends in London and in Chichester, UK. I will visit our Unitarian Partner Church in Portsmouth UK on Sunday, July 31, and explore with them how we can deepen our connection. If you have or know of a pastoral emergency, you can contact Reverend Buffy Boke, Minister at the UU Church in Canton, at bboke@uuma.org or you can contact our UCS Caring Committee Chair Person Ivy Krull at ikrull@gmail.com.

Most of our programs for children, youth, and adults do not meet in July and August, but reconvene in September.

We are still reeling from the sadness and anger evoked by the Orlando murders. We are still in the midst of a political season marked by ugly rhetoric. We still face massive issues like global warming. As we face these and other difficulties, it helps to be part of a spiritual community. We can encourage one another toward love, hope, and concrete action to create a better world. We can find joy in the gift of life while also being honest about the messiness of the world. We can say "Yes" to life and love. By sharing our joys we increase them, and by sharing our concerns we lighten the load. It is good to be together.

-Jim Robinson

Ministerial Search Committee

Members of the Church:

The deadline for submitting your name as a candidate for the Ministerial Search Committee is Friday, July 15, 2016. The committee will be active for two, possibly three, years. Meetings will be held once or twice a month. The schedule becomes more intense during the week of meeting and visiting candidates at pulpits in the near vicinity, three out of six weekends. Contact me at seallison27@yahoo.com. Let me know if you wish to talk with a member of the former Ministerial Search Committee for more information.

- Susan Allison



Office Summer Hours

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



**A Big THANK YOU
to the Kids Clean Up Crew:**

Jenny Theiler, Gabby Pannone,
Cole Palmer, Suha Roustom,
Trevor Palmer, Emma Pannone,
Daphne Theiler, Kyla Palmer,
and Zoe Plumridge.

The crew re-set all the name-tag kits; checked and counted markers, glue sticks, and scissors; sharpened all the pencils; sorted all the colored pencils; reorganized the children's library; cleaned out all the cupboards and drawers; removed all the art projects; and re-set all the bulletin boards in two hours on the first day of summer vacation.

Amazing!!

Church Yard Sale Summary

50+ members/friends and 15+senior/junior youth worked during May 18-21 to collect, sort, price and sell more than 1000 items. At least 400 people visited our yard sale on Saturday May 21st. We raised \$2300+ for the general operating fund in the church treasury. in addition RE coordinated a separate bake sale and Jocelyn performed aerial silks. The weather cooperated by being bright and sunny in the morning and turning comfortably cloudy as the day progressed. Leftover items were donated to Savers on Rte 1 in Norwood. As always, it took a community to make it happen.

Father's Day Picnic Summary

This traditional event was hosted by the men following the worship service. 90 adults and 50 youth enjoyed spectacular weather feasting on gourmet grilled burgers/dogs/sausages, tasty salads, and delicious desserts. We resolved to make this occasion an opportunity for welcoming back young members returning from college. We also decided to try promoting the wearing of hats (obviously for sun protection) and see what creative designs show up.



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 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES - JULY 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.

On Sunday, July 17th, we will have a representative from UUUM speak about the services they are providing during the morning worship service. Please plan to attend, and if you are unable to attend see www.uuum.org for more information.

Thank you! The Social Justice Committee is grateful to report that from July 2015 through June 19, 2016 a total of \$12,799 was donated through the “Brown Envelope” offerings received and supplemented with Fair Trade sales profits. In May, \$1,033 was donated to the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. From the donations in the first three Sundays in June, \$725 was donated to GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network). Thank you for your generosity!

People Over Pipelines March – 350 Mass and Mass Power Forward are organizing a 43-mile, five day march against new gas pipelines in Massachusetts. From July 14th to 18th, volunteers will walk along the route of Spectra’s proposed Access Northeast pipeline, will pass by the proposed compressor station in Weymouth, stand with allies in West Roxbury to stop the pipeline construction, and then march to the State House to deliver our message to legislators. If you are interested in marching the route or part of the route, please go to <http://www.peopleoverpipelines.org> and register.

On Thursday, July 14th, UCS will host the marchers overnight at our church. This will be the first day of the march and one of the longest (16 miles). We know that the marchers will be thirsty, hungry and tired after their trek from Medway through Walpole to Sharon. We request volunteers to welcome the marchers that evening and to bring a pot luck dish to serve about 50 people. We will need the dishes delivered to the church around 6:00 PM. Or if you would like to help with breakfast the next morning instead, that would be terrific. If you can help, please sign up during coffee hour on Sunday, or email Mia at lizandmia@aol.com It is awesome that UCS is participating in this historic march for environmental justice! We welcome your help and participation!

Nicaragua Service Trip for Adults - Come to a meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 7-8 PM at the church to explore the possibility of a service trip to Chacraseca, Nicaragua sometime in 2017. Please email Janet Schmidt (jcscoch@gmail.com) to RSVP you are planning to attend the meeting, or if you are interested or have questions and can't attend.

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 social justice committee will next meet on Tuesday, August 9th, to do our planning for the church year. If you are interested in participating on the committee, please plan to attend. However, comments, questions and suggestions to the committee can be sent anytime to justicecommittee@uusharon.org **Have a most wonderful summer!**

Upcoming Dates: **Tuesday, July 12th, 7:00 PM – Exploration meeting for service trip to Nicaragua**
 Thursday, July 14th – Host People Over Pipelines March Participants
 Sunday, July 17th, Coffee Hour – Lunchmaking for MainSpring House
 Tuesday, August 9th, 7:00 PM – Social Justice Committee Planning Meeting