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## WORSHIP SERVICES

June 4, 10am and 10:30am: **Rainbow Sunday**

This Sunday is our annual celebration of diversity and love. Please wear a shirt or blouse with a color of the rainbow for our annual UCS rainbow photo (taken after the service).

June 11, 10am and 10:30am: **Journey to Love**

Led by Laurie M. Moran, Founder and Director of Heal the Child

Laurie is a compelling speaker, teacher, and singer/song writer who is known for her authenticity and ability to connect with people at all levels. She is a sought-after presenter who has been educating faith-based, social service and school-based organizations about actions they can take to foster the well-being of children, families and communities since 1997. She offers a unique learning experience that teaches practical tools for nurturing loving, healing relationships and inspires hope through her sharing of her personal story and original songs written from her experience of recovery from childhood abuse.

June 18, 10:15am (one service only): **Celebrating (the close of the church year)**

This service will be followed by our annual Father's Day Picnic. The service will include all ages (multi-generational). It will be led by our reknown UU music master, Matt Meyers, who will lead us in a joyful service of singing and celebration.

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE Theme: "Values That Matter"

**Summer services will be held at 10:15am.** Each service will include a time of congregational sharing. Mel Springer will be providing service music. A time of fellowship will follow each service.

June 25:	Happiness and Joy	Rumni Saha and Kari Thostenson
July 2:	Facing Adversity	Mare Parker-O'Toole and Kate Parker-O'Toole
July 9:	Balance	David Nichamoff and Beth Hoke
July 16:	Love	Valerie White and Susan Drisko and Lindsay Drisko
July 23:	Forgiveness	Barbara Rose and Meg Dussault
July 30:	Nature	Lucia Cheney and Tom D'Avanzo
Aug. 6:	Genuine Success	Linda Fingerson and David Schoenfeld
Aug. 13:	Serving/Giving	Ellen Bordman and Mia Joiner Moore
Aug. 20:	Change	Kari Thostenson and Victoria Dorgen
Aug. 27:	Peace	Francesca D'Abramo and Laurie Wallace
Sep. 3:	Hope	Kathleen Guilday and Aidan Cunningham

## ***UCS WELCOMES A NEW INTERIM MINISTER***

**The Ministerial Search Committee takes pleasure in introducing our unanimous choice to serve as our congregation's interim minister for the coming two years.**



The Rev. Wendy L. Bell received her Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in 1997 and was ordained jointly by the First Church in Jamaica Plain and the First Parish in Chelmsford in 2000. She served as the Interim Minister of the First UU Society of Rockport, MA, before being called to the Harvard UU Church, Harvard, MA, in 2001. After completing 14 years of successful ministry in Harvard, Wendy returned to Interim Ministry, and has been serving the First Parish in Malden in that capacity since August 2015.

Wendy grew up as a United Methodist in the Washington, D.C. area, and went to college at Grinnell in Iowa, where she studied Russian language, literature and history before graduating as a Religious Studies major. While at Grinnell, Wendy learned more about the Hebrew Prophets, World Religions - especially Eastern Religious traditions - Feminist Theology, and Liberation Theology, all of which helped prepare her for a vocation as a Unitarian Universalist minister.

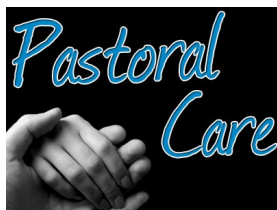
Wendy currently lives in Arlington, MA, with her wife, Cathy, and their daughter, Katelynn, who will be starting 4th grade in the fall. They share their home with a long-haired cat named Wendell Berry and an exuberant Cockapoo puppy named Winnie. They've also recently started fostering Labrador Retrievers and, just last week, took in an orphaned baby bird!

Can you tell that Wendy is an animal lover? She is also a former horseback riding instructor and camp counselor, who loves working with children. She volunteers for a few hours each week at Lovelane Therapeutic Riding Center in Lincoln, MA.

In her free time, Wendy loves to read, hike, camp, kayak, and cook healthy food. She is also learning to play the bagpipes.

Wendy, who is still working in Malden, will begin attending some committee meetings in August and will meet the whole congregation when the new church year begins in September.

## **Pastoral Care Coverage**



To best support everyone during our period of transition, we have developed a new way to receive pastoral care calls/needs. If you have a pastoral need after May (when Jim leaves), please call our new pastoral care phone at 774-315-6487. This number will also be on our church voicemail greeting. The Caring Committee will take these calls and make sure to provide the right support, depending on your need. If you have any questions about pastoral care, please also feel free to reach out to the Caring Committee Chair (Ivy Krull) directly.

## **The Wording on the Plaques for the Benches**

Each bench will have a small plaque on the top and a longer plaque on the rail under the seat.

On the 6' bench, "NAMASTE" will appear at the top; and below, "In Honor of the Rev. Jim Robinson upon his Retirement, May 2017".

On the 4' bench, "LAUGH" will appear at the top; and below, "Dedicated to Monkey and Friends by the Children of the Meetinghouse, 2017".

## *Religious Education News*

### **I volunteered to teach. Now what?**

Thank you for volunteering to teach. By June 15, you will receive an email that is, essentially, “everything you ever wanted to know about teaching RE but were afraid to ask.”

The email will include the following:

- Which age group you will be teaching;
- Who else is on your teaching team;
- How to access your team’s curriculum planner online;
- How to access the curriculum online;
- The date and time of teacher orientation;
- A link to an online scheduling survey – to schedule your team’s September meeting;
- Your teacher contract – for you to sign and return to church;
- Background check documents – for you to sign and return to church (only for new teachers and returning teachers who are up for their 3 year CORI renewal).

Yes, it’s a doozy of an email – one you’ll want to save and bookmark the links.

Questions? Contact Louise or a member of the RE Committee.

### **June in Religious Education:**

June brings us to the final two Religious Education classes of the year! This month our RE students will focus on the themes of pride and the environment.

The **Preschool-Kindergarten** children will spend one week learning about the beauty of rainbows, and Block Sunday will enable the children to practice sharing and cooperation while enjoying time with friends.

The **Grade 1-2** and **Grade 3-4** children will join together for their June sessions. The first will explore the topic of taking pride in who we are, and in the second session the children will discover how recycling works; from Sunday morning art project to recycling plant.

The **Grade 5-6** students will also participate in a session about pride and affirming the worth and dignity of every person. And in the final class of the year they will join with grade 7-8 to examine the steps involved in the recycling process.

The **Grade 7-8 OWL** students have one more OWL lesson to complete before joining grade 5-6 for the year’s final session all about recycling.

### **Religious Education Classroom Clean Up:**

Thursday, June 22, 10 am to 2 pm, in Program A/B/C.

Hey kids! It’s time to organize our classroom supplies and get ready for next year. Helpers are needed to test markers and glue sticks, clean out name tag holders, sharpen pencils, and make sure that every class has a fresh supply of markers, scissors, glue sticks, pencils, and name-tag holders. Many hands make light work.

This activity will be organized and spearheaded by Karen MacKinnon, our RE Assistant.

### **Contacting the Director of Religious Education**

**June:** Louise will be in the office for her regular hours until the Fathers’ Day Picnic. She will be unavailable from June 19 onward. If you have receipts to submit for reimbursement or any other time-sensitive RE business, please contact Louise in early June.

**July:** Louise will be out of the office in a combination of study leave, vacation, and off-site materials preparation during the month of July. If you have questions, please contact Lilly Zhou, the chair of the Religious Education Committee.

## *June Adult Programs*

**Potluck Supper:** Friday, June 2, 6pm in the vestry (preceding Conversations at the Meetinghouse).



### **Conversations at the Meetinghouse**

**Friday, June 2, 7pm**

**Christine & David Hagan**

**Ten & Twenty Fingers**

In 1837, the composer and pianist Franz Liszt wrote: "... I consider the piano as very important. According to my view, it takes the first place in the hierarchy of instruments; it is the most frequently used and is the most common. ...In the compass of its seven octaves it encloses a whole orchestra, and the ten human fingers suffice to render the harmonies which are brought forth by the union of hundreds of musicians."

As performers we tend to agree with Liszt, and so we offer this collection of 10- and 20-fingered pieces. In addition to Liszt, the program will include Brahms, Dvorak, Milhaud, Mendelssohn and Ravel, all of whom composed copiously for piano, and all of whom made piano arrangements of their orchestral works.

This marks Christine's second appearance on the Conversations series, and David's fifth.

**Book Group:** Meets Wednesday, June 7, 7:30pm in the church library.

**Men's Support Group:** Meets on Thursdays June 8 and June 23 at 8pm.

**Women's Support Group:** Meets on Thursdays June 8 and June 23 at 7:30pm.

**Potluck Supper:** Friday, June 9, 6pm in the vestry (preceding the Annual Meeting).

**Friday, June 9th, 7:30pm**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Let's Laugh Today:** Saturday, June 10, 11am-12noon. Enjoy laughter yoga. Enjoy this unique exercise of simulated laughter combined with gentle breathing that brings more oxygen to the body's cells. Any age and any level of physical ability can participate in this uplifting experience! Led by Certified Laughter Yoga Teachers, Linda and Bill Hamaker. Please bring your water bottle and at least one canned good for the Sharon/Stoughton Food Pantry. New laughs are always welcomed! See [www.letslaughtoday.com](http://www.letslaughtoday.com) for more information.

**Writer's Group:** Sunday, June 11, 12noon. Bring a poem or prose piece to share.

**Meditation Group:** Each Tuesday evening, 7:30pm, in room a/b.

**Children's Choir:** Tuesdays June 6 and June 13 at 5:30pm in the vestry.

If you would like to start a new adult group at the Unitarian Church of Sharon, on whatever theme you are interested in, contact the Adult Religious Education Committee chairperson Kathleen Guilday.



## **Not Just Another Coffee House**

**Saturday, June 17, 7pm  
The Squeezebox Stompers**



American Roots Music band **"The Squeezebox Stompers"** – Foot stompin' good music, Cajun Zydeco Music from New Orleans.

Visit their website at [www.squeezeboxstompers.com](http://www.squeezeboxstompers.com) and come for an evening of great music. And of course you can also enjoy our home made desserts and Fair Trade beverages.

### **Ferry Beach Retreat(s)**



There will be two Ferry Beach Retreats for summer 2017. The first retreat will be the weekend of **August 4,5 & 6** (Friday night to Sunday afternoon) - referred to as retreat "Part Uno". The second retreat will be the weekend of **August 25,26 & 27** (Friday night to Sunday afternoon) - referred to as retreat "Part Deux"

By having both dates available, we hope to reach more of you in the spirit of including new friends & families to this long tradition of summer retreats, as well as making the retreat available to those seasoned attendees through rain & shine (and even a hurricane one year which dampened feet but not spirits!). Scholarship money is available as well for those in need of financial assistance.

Please mark your calendar for the date(s) that fit your schedule, and reserve your lodging (camp site/ RV site/ lodging) by contacting Ferry Beach directly: phone: 207.282.4489 (use ext. 1 for registration)

email: [registration@ferrybeach.org](mailto:registration@ferrybeach.org)

web: [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org) for general info or [www.ferrybeach.org/conferences.html](http://www.ferrybeach.org/conferences.html) and find the "Book Now" section (register as if you're attending a conference even though our retreat does not appear in the list)

There will be more detailed information sent out via the newsletter and in the upcoming order of services. You don't need to finalize your meal plan, if any, with registration but please plan to book your lodging soon if you will be attending Part Uno, Part Deux, or both.

Please email or call Glenn Rivard if have any questions.

### **TAKE ME - I'M YOURS!**

Waiting plaintively are the following, from the collection in the Church's Lost & Found box: somebody's pink doll, a grey umbrella, and a pink & yellow dinosaur, all wishing to go home. We also have a large purple fleece and a small pink one (a family grouping, perhaps?) And lots of plastic containers, some missing tops, others missing bottoms, all longing for their other half. And lots of coffee mugs. If you are missing any of these, or assorted other belongings, they will be attractively displayed on the ledge behind the coffee table in the vestry from June 12 to June 15. After that, usable items go to St Vincent, others are introduced to the dumpster.



## ***SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES - JUNE 2017***

**Sanctuary – Programs, Events and Future Plans:** May has been a busy month for our ongoing exploration of the topic of ‘Sanctuary’ and its role in the lives of undocumented immigrants and their rights. On Thursday 4 May, the UCS co-sponsored an **Immigration Rights Forum** with Sharon Interfaith Action. Over 70 attendees from the UCS, greater Sharon and many surrounding towns heard from local and regional organizations working in this field, and then formed smaller working groups to plan strategic actions and ongoing educational and activism efforts. The following evening, at the monthly Conversations at the Meeting House program, we heard from **Centro Presente** about their work with regional immigrant communities and the escalating violation of their rights. (If you missed the event, you can view their video “The Invisible Crisis” at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNd0WG3-cl>.)

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Based in part on these programs, and our own ongoing examination of the complex concept of ‘Sanctuary’, we are developing a possible **warrant article** for the Annual Meeting in June. We hope to engage the congregation in practical steps to support regional efforts for immigrants’ rights in keeping with our UU principles. Please stay tuned for more information about this important topic.

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**Rainbow Sunday:** On Sunday, June 4, we will celebrate our diversity during the worship services and then take our annual rainbow photo after the service. So, decide which color of the rainbow you will want be that day and wear something in that color for the photo. Please plan to participate!

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**Boston Pride Parade:** UCS, and our other area UU churches, will be marching together in the Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 10. We will meet at the Sharon train station to take the 9:08 AM train into Back Bay. We will then walk over to the Arlington Street Church and participate in their Pride Service at 11:00 AM. Afterwards, we will line up and march in the parade, which starts at 12 noon. Please plan to participate and bring your rainbow flags, drums, horns, and scooters, and be ready to have some fun! For more information, please contact Mia Joiner-Moore or Camelia Rodriguez. HAPPY PRIDE!

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**Do It Now Table:** Keep an eye out for recurring opportunities for social justice in action at our regular Do It Now Table every Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. We are offering simple, concrete, direct steps that can be done NOW to help promote social justice changes in our fast-paced world. If your passion for a cause might fit in, bring it to our attention and your project could get attention NOW!

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**Helping Immigrant Families:** Throughout the month of April, we collected clothing, art supplies, and grocery cards in partnership with the Chelsea Collaborative, a human services organization working with immigrant families in Chelsea, MA ([www.chelseacollab.org](http://www.chelseacollab.org)). Three vehicles packed full of clothing and art materials were delivered in early May, much to the delight of the program staff at the Collaborative. In addition, we were able to donate \$875 in Shopping for Justice cards to support their neighborhood relief efforts. Thanks to everyone who participated, especially Project Wrangler Rory McGregor and his crew.

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**Brown Envelope Update:** In April, we raised \$1202.05 in Brown Envelope (BE) funds for the Neponset River Watershed Association ([www.neponset.org](http://www.neponset.org)). MIRA, the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition ([www.miracoalition.org](http://www.miracoalition.org)) is the recipient for May BE donations. MIRA’s Development Coordinator, Sue Parsons, spoke to the congregation at the May 7 worship service and during coffee hour. In June, we will support GLSEN ([www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)), an organization that works to ensure that LGBTQ students are able to learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment. July and August BE donations will go to support the Summer Youth Programs at the UUUM in Roxbury.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Sunday, May 21, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM – Social Justice Committee Meeting (Library)
- Saturday, June 10, 11 AM – Pride Service at Arlington Street Church, Boston  
12 Noon – Boston Pride Parade (SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS)
- Sunday, June 11, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM – Social Justice Committee Meeting (Library)
- Sunday, June 25, 11:30AM – Lunch making for MainSpring House, Brockton (Vestry)

# June 2017 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Pot Luck Supper 6pm Conversations at the Meeting-house 7pm	3 Committee Chairs 9am
4 Family Worship Service 10am Religious Education Classes 10:30am Worship Service 10:30am Senior Youth Group 5pm Covenant Sharing Group 7pm	5 Women's Group I (Closed Grp) 7:30pm	6 Children's Choir 5:30pm Ministerial Search Committee 6:30pm Meditation Group 7:30pm	7 Book Group 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	8 Second Women's Group 7:30pm Men's Support Group 8pm	9 Potluck Supper 6pm Annual Meeting 7:30pm	10
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25 Worship Service 10:15am Covenant Sharing Group 7pm	26	27	28	29	30	

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