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## ***OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES***

*Childcare provided*

### **October 1: “The Call to Adventure”**

*10:00am Family Service*

*10:30am Adult Service (while children are in their religious education classes)*

We reflect on the Interim Time as a journey, and on the courage it takes to venture out from the comfortable into the unknown.

### **October 8: “Noticing the Beautiful”**

*10:00am Family Service*

*10:30am Adult Service (while children are in their religious education classes)*

As our Jewish friends and neighbors are mid-way through their celebration of the Festival of Sukkot, we reflect on the survival value of appreciating that which is beautiful.

### **October 15: “Letting Go of the Plan”**

*10:00am Family Service*

*10:30am Adult Service (while children are in their religious education classes)*

With help from some wisdom from the Taoist tradition, we reflect on the importance of being flexible and learning to adapt to conditions as we continue our voyage of discovery.

### **October 22: “A Prayer for the World”**

*10:00am Family Service*

*10:30am Adult Service (while children are in their religious education classes)*

This morning is United Nations Sunday. We reflect on what it might mean to build a culture of peace in a time of great global anxiety.

### **October 29: “All Souls”**

*10:00am Family Service*

*10:30am Adult Service (while children are in their religious education classes)*

As part of a moving tradition in the life of this community, you will be invited to light a candle and name and remember loved ones who have died. We will reflect on grief and the healing power of Love.

## **Office Hours**

Rev. Wendy's regular office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 11am to 4pm. She is also be available on many Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. To make a appointment, call, email or go to <https://calendly.com/revwendylbell> (don't forget to use Rev. Wendy's middle initial "L" when typing the link!). Rev. Wendy will not be in the office on October 4th and 5th this month.

The Office Manager, Linda Cveckova, will not be in the office from October 6th - 11th this month.

## From the Minister



During worship on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, I suggested that the Interim Time in a congregation might be best thought of as a journey, and that the specific focus of an Interim Minister is to help a congregation move from the past, through the present, and into the future with intentionality.

I shared my Interim Backpack, filled with symbols for the work we will do together:

- A box of tissues to represent the work we will do around looking back at the congregation's **history**, work that will include both sadness and celebration
- A mirror to represent my role in helping the congregation examine its **identity**, taking a look at itself to discover what it especially likes and what, if anything, it might want to change
- A compass to help us navigate the **changes**, including changes in leadership, that will likely occur along the way
- Binoculars to help us see what is ahead of us and where we want to go as we do the work of **envisioning your future**
- A book about Interim Ministry to represent all the **wisdom from outside** the congregation upon which we can draw during this time
- A chalice water bottle to remind us to **stay connected** with our fellow Unitarian Universalists as we travel
- A heart to remind us that the most important work we are called to do is the work of **loving one another**
- A wall hanging with a quotation from the Dalai Lama to remind us to **be kind** to one another
- An otter to remind us to **play** and **laugh** and **have fun** as we travel together
- A walking stick with a lizard on it as a reminder both to **dream big** and to **let go** of whatever old habits, old ways of doing things, old assumption, etc., that might get in the way of fulfilling your dreams, in the same way that some lizards (which represent dreaming in many cultures) can let go of their tails when in danger and then grow a new one

If there is a theme with which we begin October, it might be "Journey." During the first three Sundays of the month we will continue to reflect on this idea that the Interim Time is a time of journeying. And we will consider what skills and attitudes might serve us best along the way from here to there, from "the now" to the "not yet," both in the context of the Interim Time and in the context of our own lives.

I'm looking forward to walking with you!

Rev. Wendy

## From the Director of Religious Education

### Building faith



Community builds faith. Of course, parents are their child's primary religious educators. And when a child reaches a certain age, they need to reach beyond the boundaries of their family and test the meaning of what they are learning

at home in the larger world. A community which reflects those values AND which encourages the testing of those values in a broader context – that's where children and youth can build a faith that they can rightfully call their own.

This church is one such resource for parents. And there's another I need to let you know about: Religious Education Week at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine. UU families gather at Ferry Beach for a week of fun, friendship, worship, reflection, and exploration. Children learn to live in covenant while playing Newcomb and climbing trees. Youth step into roles of community leadership. Adults deepen their appreciation of the beauties and challenges of living in community. It's fun AND transformative.

In my 13 years at Ferry Beach RE Week, I have watched children become adults who embody love in action, who walk the talk, who can step into roles of community leadership and then can step back and support the leadership of others, and who understand what they are called to be and do as Unitarian Universalists.

I hope that you will explore this faith-building opportunity.

Next RE week: July 7-13, 2018. Find out more at [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org). Or talk with Alison Reid, Rebecca Reid, Naomi Slavin, Jon Slavin, or me.

Blessings,

Louise



## Religious Education News

### October in RE

Our **Preschool-Kindergarten** children will explore what they can do with their feet, their movements, their ability to talk, and to hear. They will learn how all of these wonderful gifts enable them to share their thoughts and feelings, and make each child unique. The children will hear stories, play games and create some unique artwork such as tissue butterflies and musical instruments.

The **Grade 1-2** class will continue exploring thresholds and journeying. They will have a session about faith symbols; learning about our chalice symbol and designing their own faith symbol. The class will also use an investigation of bees to learn about family homes. They will further this investigation the following week as they learn about the homes of other animals and how they compare to each other as well as our own homes.

The **Grade 3-4** group will begin the month discussing the role love plays in our faith and congregation and will hear a story about Jesus. They will spend two sessions exploring the awe and wonder of nature while they create fairy houses. The students will use items they found in nature that inspired awe in them. Another session will ponder the question "what happens when someone dies?" and will explain some of our UU beliefs and practices.

The **Grade 5-6** class will learn about Judith Sargent Murray in a lesson that focuses on love being the foundation of our religion. Another session will help them to identify ways we share love in our community. They'll be introduced to the topic of serving others with the story of Social work founder Joseph Tuckerman, and they'll learn about seeking change through peaceful means in the ways of Gandhi, MLK and Thoreau.

The **Grade 7-8** students will discuss death in a session that will allow them to share experiences and stories while exploring what death means in our society and culture. One session explores the idea of life after death, while another covers the topics of heaven and hell, and the students will also create altars for the dead.

The final week of October will see all classes beginning their Revels preparations!

*Karen MacKinnon, RE Assistant*

### **What is Revels?**

Revels is this congregation's celebration of the dark time of the year. Children and youth explore the many traditions of this holiday season and then share what they've learned as they lead worship on Sunday, December 10. Revels season in RE begins on October 29. Find out more by speaking with Louise Marcoux or any member of the Religious Education Committee.

*Louise Marcoux, DRE*

### Youth Groups

#### **Senior Youth Group**

Meets on Sundays from 5-7pm in the Vestry. Senior Youth Group is open to any and all individuals in grades 9 - 12 and folks are encouraged to bring friends! We are gearing up for the year discussing what activities and service projects we'd like to focus on, and planning our annual Fall Retreat to Cedar Hill in Duxbury, MA. SYG will be overnight November 18th to 19th.

#### **Junior Youth Fellowship Group**

We had a fun-filled September meeting date where we planned out our activities for the year and played games. JYFG meets monthly and is for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We are now working on scheduling out our meeting dates, families should be on the lookout for a scheduling email. Also mark your calendars for next month's retreat at Cedar Hill, JYFG will be overnight from Friday November 17th to Saturday November 18th.



Have questions about our Senior and Junior youth programs? Interested in volunteering to help with the groups or have a student who might be interested in joining? Email our Youth Coordinator Chelsea Gould at [yc@uusharon.org](mailto:yc@uusharon.org).

*Chelsea Gould, Youth Coordinator*

## Coming of Age

Every other year, the church offers our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to explore their beliefs about life's big questions and to develop a statement of their faith. Youth choose mentors from the congregation to accompany them on this year-long faith journey. This year, fourteen youth have chosen to participate in Coming of Age.

Coming of Age meetings for October:

Tue, Oct 3, 7:30-9pm **Youth** meet with minister and DRE

Tue, Oct 10, 7:30-9pm **Mentor** orientation

Tue, Oct 17, 7:30-9pm **Youth and Mentors** meet



## Religious Education News, Continued

### Fairy Houses for Grades 3-4

Children in Grades 3 and 4 should continue filling a shoebox (or any box of similar size) with natural objects such as stones, acorns, sticks, fallen pieces of bark or lichen, leaves, seed pods, shells. No box at home? Your child can pick one up in



Three fairy houses made at church 2 years ago.

their RE Classroom. October 8 is the day to bring that filled box to church. Please encourage your child to drop off their box in Program B before coming upstairs to worship. Later that morning, the children will begin constructing Fairy Houses as part of a lesson about awe and wonder.

*Louise Marcoux, DRE*

## Volunteers Needed

**Treasurer** position opens July 1, 2018. Do you have a facility for working with numbers? Do you have the ability to learn a simple financial software package? (An experienced user will provide tutorials.) Would you consider working with a fine group of former treasurers and current Board members?

Please consider "giving" of your time in this important job as part of your church life. Call or e-mail Susan Allison of the Nominating Committee OR suggest a candidate, and your name as "nominator" will be kept confidential!

### Tech support needed!

The RE Program is looking for tech-savvy individuals to operate the projector for certain video-oriented RE lessons this year. Your involvement will help RE teachers lead the lesson without sweating the tech. Please see Louise Marcoux or Kate Barber for details.



## October is Fire Safety Month

What can we do to honor Fire Safety Month in our congregation?



1. **Know what to do when the fire alarm sounds.** We will have a fire drill at the end of a worship service during the month of October.
  - a. When the alarm sounds, parents/guardians should resist the impulse to rescue their children. They should exit the sanctuary as quickly as possible through either the front or back exits and then gather on the side lawn of the church, well away from the building. Parents/guardians should wait with other worshippers on the side lawn until the fire department gives an all-clear signal, at which point they may pick up their children from their RE Groups.
  - b. RE volunteers and nursery staff have been trained to evacuate all children from the building. They will bring the children to the lawn in front of the shed, where they will re-take attendance and stay in a group until the all-clear by the fire department. RE volunteers will stay with the children until parents/guardians pick them up.
2. **Take action to promote fire safety at church.**
  - a. We are a chalice-lighting people. If you see matches left out after a gathering, feel empowered to put them away in a chalice lighter's supply box (on the top shelf of the either coat closet).
  - b. Help keep hallways clear of objects. Everyone is empowered to move the rolling bulletin boards from the hallway outside the vestry to Program C AFTER the children have been picked up from Program C. (The boards are stored in C, but cannot be put there until the children have left).

*(Submitted by Louise Marcoux, DRE)*

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

### Thank you

Thank you to the volunteers who have spent many hours maintaining our church grounds: Janet & John Schumacher, Beth & Rory McGregor, Ellen Scott, Susan Olson Drisko, Jean Zaniewski, and Ellen & David Schoenfeld. We are also indebted to Wilbur Edwards and Paul Tuck for researching and purchasing a replacement for our non-functioning refrigerator. (And to Ken Zaniewski for finding a temporary substitute until the new one arrived.)

*(Submitted by Colleen Tuck)*

## October Programs

### Music and Arts

**Adult Choir** – Meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm and Sunday mornings before service. New voices always welcome.



**Art from the Heart** - Meets October 27, at 7pm, in the vestry. Art from the Heart is an evening of play, fun, creativity, and community. We will provide for you a variety of artistic media under the guidance of Jean Fox. This is art without right or wrong, good or bad, better worse—rather it is art for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you there!

**Art Wall** features children artist Charley Grasso in the month of October. The Art Wall seeks artists of all ages. Please contact Forbesy at [forbesyrussell@hotmail.com](mailto:forbesyrussell@hotmail.com) or 781-201-9533.

### Children's Choir

We love to hear our children singing! Children's choir welcomes all. Meets Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30pm the vestry. Pizza included. Performing in church twice a month. Please contact Forbesy at [forbesyrussell@hotmail.com](mailto:forbesyrussell@hotmail.com) or 781-201-9533.



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### **MMAS Theatre Group**

The next theater night at Mansfield Music and Arts Society is Saturday, November 4 for ***You're a Good Man Charlie Brown***; 1967 musical comedy with music and lyrics by Clark Gesner, based on the characters created by cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in his comic strip *Peanuts*.

Our make-our-own-pot-luck reception starts at 7:00pm and the show starts at 8:00pm. As always, we must have at least 16 attendees to have our reception before the show. Tickets are \$26.00 for non-members. The performance takes place at 377 North Main St. Mansfield.

Here is the list of performances for the rest of the year. .

<i>You're a Good Man Charlie Brown</i>	11/4/17
<i>Driving Miss Daisy</i>	12/9/17
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	2/3/18
<i>The Tempest</i>	3/24/18
<i>Hair</i>	4/28/18

If you would like to attend any of the shows please email me just to let me know and then send a check (separate checks for ea show please) **made out to MMAS** to me at 40 Jordan Drive Stoughton 02072. Guests and non UU members are always welcome.

Please pass the word. It's a fun way to socialize and enjoy top quality community theater. Please invite and encourage new members to attend.

*Pat McDougal*

### Not Just Another Coffee House

### **Audrey Budington and Brandon Brown**

**Saturday, October 21, 7pm** (doors open 6:30pm)

New England duo, Audrey Budington (violin) and Clayton Clemetson (piano) play a lively variety of their original tunes, influenced by Irish, Cape Breton and Scottish styles. Spirited yet heartfelt compositions, contemplative melodies, spunky innovations—Audrey's and Clayton's passion for traditional dance music with their added flair is deftly expressed in their performances.

<http://www.audreyandclayton.com/>

During intermission enjoy our home made desserts and fair trade beverages.

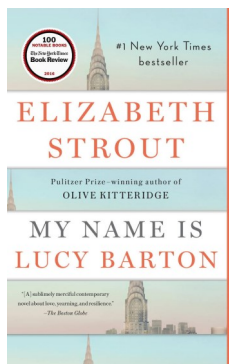


## October Programs, continued

### Interest and Discussion Groups

**Book Group** – Our book group will meet again on October 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. The lives of two women who find themselves at Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women, eventually intersect with a third, half a world away, who helps to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

Our November 1st “read” will be Elizabeth Strout’s *My Name is Lucy Barton*. Written as the memoir of a famous author, Lucy’s estranged mother visits her in the hospital following surgery. Reminiscences about people from Lucy’s childhood mask underlying tensions resulting from Lucy’s escape from her troubled family, her longing to write, and her love for her husband and daughters. (The November date may change, watch for updates.)



Our monthly Book Group meets at 7:30 on the first Wednesday of each month, in the church library. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether or not you’ve finished (or read!) the book.

**Covenant Sharing Groups** – Meets every first and third Sunday at 7pm. Covenant groups are small groups (between 8 and 12 members) who discuss core spiritual and ethical themes, using specific guidelines for sharing which ensure that the experience is safe for everyone involved.

**Journey Group** - An evening of meditation, chanting, sharing and reading/discussion of spiritually related materials. The meetings are facilitated by Barbara Nelkin-Rose and are scheduled for selected Monday evenings in the Minister’s Study. The next meeting will be Monday, October 9th from 7:30-9:00PM. All are welcome. Please contact Barbara to RSVP or to receive more information.

**Let’s Laugh Today** – Get your giggle on by attending a laughter wellness session in Program Rooms A/B from 11am to noon on Saturday, October 14th (and every second Saturday of each month). Any age and any level of physical ability can participate! Enjoy this unique exercise of simulated laughter combined with gentle breathing that brings more oxygen to the body’s cells. This oxygen boost gives enhanced vitality, energy and a feeling of real well-being. Special guests this month will be Bill and Linda’s training group, so be sure to attend! Please bring your



water bottle because laughing can be dehydrating. Led by Certified Laughter Yoga Teachers, Linda and Bill Hamaker (call 508-660-2223 or email at [billandlinda@letslaughtoday.com](mailto:billandlinda@letslaughtoday.com)). Please bring a canned good for Sharon/ Stoughton Food Pantry. New laughers are always welcomed! See more information and more opportunities to laugh at [www.letslaughtoday.com](http://www.letslaughtoday.com).

**Meditation Group**—Join our circle of mindfulness meditation on Tuesday evenings at church at 7.30 PM. Return as your schedule permits if you have been a part of the circle over the past few years. If you have not experienced the quieting of your mind, we encourage you to join us. For one hour we practice both sitting and walking meditation. Sometimes we lay out a special canvas labyrinth produced by one of our own youth groups. If you have questions, please arrive at 7.15 PM or contact Ray Wallace or Susan Allison.

**Writer’s Group** – Meets on second Sunday of the month, at 12noon to 1pm, in the church library. Come share a poem or prose piece you have written with a supportive and interesting group. Or just come along to enjoy to writings and the conversations.

### Support Groups

**Al-Anon Meeting** - An 11th step Al-Anon group meets at UCS each Sunday evening at 7pm. It is an open meeting.

**Men’s Support Group** - Meets on Thursdays, October 12 and 26, at 8pm in the church library. New men are always welcome to join.

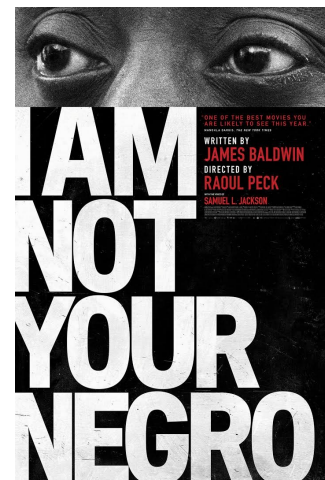
**Women’s Support Group** – Meets on Thursdays, October 12 and 26, 7:30pm in the minister’s study. New women are always welcome to join.

### Movie Night

#### **I am not your Negro**

The Friday Movie Group and the Social Justice Committee are co-sponsoring the **October 13** movie - "I am not your Negro" a documentary about James Baldwin. All are welcome for movie and post movie conversation. Popcorn is free.

Movie Group meets the second Friday of the month at 7PM.





## SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES



### Brown Envelope Update

We collected \$1144.26 in Brown Envelope (BE) funds during the summer services (late June – Labor Day Weekend) for the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's summer youth programs. September funds (beginning September 10th) will

support our Partner Church in Gyulakuta, Romania, specifically for subscriptions to the European Unitarian magazine to help members connect to other UUs, for an organist to play at one Sunday service each month, and to continue to pay part of the tuition for one student's high school education. October funds will be collected to assist people affected by the recent hurricanes, Harvey and Irma. We will designate a portion of the funds for the UUA/UUSC Hurricane Relief fund (which is primarily for those affected by Harvey) and will consider and choose one or more organizations that are providing relief to residents of Florida and the affected islands in the Caribbean, to be announced at October worship services.

### CommUnity Closet

We are pleased to announce that the Cluster Group of local UU churches has launched an ambitious project to offer free clothing to the greater Brockton community. Starting in September, the Closet is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the UU Church of Brockton (325 W. Elm Street). Each visitor is provided with a bag that they can fill with needed items. Donations of gently used or new clothing will be collected in our Vestry in a designated area. Please note that some new (never used) items are always needed, for all ages and sizes: socks, underwear, diapers, and sanitary products for women.

Also, we will be requesting special donations for specific occasions or situations. This month's Special Donation Request is for children's **Halloween costumes** (all sizes), to be made available when the Closet is open on October 14. We will be recruiting volunteers from our community to help categorize, sort, and stock the donations received. We are also looking for volunteers to staff the Closet once every 5<sup>th</sup> month, in rotation with the other Cluster Group churches. Please contact Camelia Rodriguez or stop at the Social Justice Corner after Sunday services to find out how you can help with this important project.



### "Hate Has No Home Here" Showing the Spirit of Sharon

Have you seen these blue and red signs popping up on lawns around Sharon and other towns? Almost 200 signs have been distributed here as part of a recent effort by two Sharon residents, Dede Komisar and Lisa Crist, who decided that this message of acceptance and unity represented the heart of this town. Encouraged by the response to the interfaith vigil on August 15 (reported in last month's Chalice), several participants began the yard sign campaign to cover Sharon with our statement that "Hate Has No Home Here." This campaign, which is not associated with any political party, is happening in many towns across the country, so you don't have to live in Sharon to display this powerful message with your own yard sign.

The campaign itself articulates the need for sharing this sign of solidarity in every neighborhood: "Hate, unchecked, can make neighbors feel fearful and unwelcome in their own communities. The Hate Has No Home Here project reminds us what it means to be American."

If you would like to purchase a sign, stop by the Social Justice Corner at Coffee Hour and get one at the discounted group rate of \$5 (more are on order). Please contact Elizabeth Siftar, SJC for more information.



*Hate Has No Home Here - A yard sign campaign in Sharon and in many towns across the country.*

### Upcoming Dates:

-Sunday, October 1, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM – Social Justice Committee Meeting (Library)

-Friday, October 13, 7:00 PM – Movie Night: 'I Am Not Your Negro', a documentary on James Baldwin's views of race relations in America.

-Sunday, October 15, 11:30 AM – Lunch making for Main-Spring House (Vestry)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES Continued

### UU Mass Action: Our Faith Calls Us to Change the World

This is our state UU action network, established in 2006, which works to organize and mobilize 142 UU congregations and 20,000 UU's around issues of social justice. Go to [uumassaction.org](http://uumassaction.org) to learn more about them and click on *About Us* on the home page to sign up for their weekly newsletter filled with updates and action opportunities.

### Social Justice Corner in the Vestry

After Sunday services you can buy **Equal Exchange** fair trade coffees, chocolates and other items, as well **Shopping for Justice** supermarket gift cards in various denominations for Shaws, Stop & Shop, and Big Y (+/-5% of the value stays with the church to help fund our social justice projects in support of people who experience food and housing insecurity). You can also purchase note cards created by **Kari Thostenson** with beautiful photographic images, with all profits supporting the social justice projects of the church.



### UUA Ballou-Channing District Connects

**Saturday, Oct. 14--**'BCD Connects', a gathering for lay leaders, ministers and DREs, to share successes, get help with challenges, brainstorm, and network. 9 am-noon, UU Society of Middleboro. Free, including breakfast.

Sponsored by the BCD Board. For planning purposes, RSVP requested to [rbrown@uua.org](mailto:rbrown@uua.org) by Oct. 4.

(Submitted by Beth McGregor)

### UUA Disaster Relief Fund

Our October Brown Envelope offerings will go to the **UUA Disaster Relief Fund**. The UUA and UUSC have already been raising money designated specifically for victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. As the Caribbean and coastal U.S. continue to be impacted by Hurricane Maria and additional storms, your donations will allow the UUA to respond flexibly as new situations arise. UUA staff is working closely with leaders in the Association's Southern Region to ascertain where the need is greatest and distribute funds efficiently. Some of the money is being provided in block grants to UU congregations in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, and the Virgin Islands, to help them respond to the most critical needs of their communities and their own members. Thank you for your generosity.



### So What's a Rain Garden?

If you have begun attending church/meetinghouse after the completion of the 2009 addition, then you might have wondered why a large ditch sits by the parking lot. To be exact there are two, and each serves to keep the water that falls on our property staying on our property.

Otherwise water would be entering the storm water system and polluting the Neponset River. The water runoff from the building is captured at the church entrance underground, and by pipe taken under the parking lot into the main basin or Rain Garden. The water running off the parking lot first flows into the smaller basin which allows the water to percolate through sand and rock, sieving out some pollutants before seeping either straight down or into the large basin. Ecologically, this makes complete sense. Only once did the Rain Garden overflow, right after it was constructed, from incessant rain, and we had to release some into the street which carried it to the storm drain. I'm looking forward to finishing a path in our Rain Garden and maybe even placing a bench under the River Birch. Right now the yellow Golden Rod is feeding birds, insects, moths and butterflies, and, also doing its part to grow a healthy and diverse habitat that sustains the Neponset River Watershed and the plants and animals that call it home. Anyone interested in learning more or helping with the path, see Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks (It is a misnomer that Goldenrod makes you sneeze; that would be ragweed! So enjoy the spectacular show.)

Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks





Conversations  
At the Meetinghouse

# An Evening with Cash and Jones of NEADS

National Education for Assistance Dog Services

**FRIDAY, OCT 6, 2017, 7 PM**

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NEADS, also known as Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans, is a non-profit organization established in 1976 and based in Princeton, Massachusetts. Cash's handler, Taimi Paadre, a UCS member and Jones' human partner, Kaitlynne Steinke will show how the service dogs become an extension of their handlers and bring freedom, physical autonomy and relief from social isolation to their human partners who are deaf or have a disability. NEADS offers a wide spectrum of Assistance Dog services including deaf and hearing loss, combat veterans, physical disability, children on the autism spectrum.

*Conversations at the Meetinghouse is a monthly program held on the first Friday of each month (October to June) at 7PM where members of the community share their expertise and experience about important issues of the day.*

***Free and Open To Public***

## October 2017 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Family Worship Service 10am Worship Service 10:30am Religious Education Classes 10:30am Monthly SJC meeting 12pm Senior Youth Group 5pm Al-Anon Meeting 7pm Covenant Sharing Group 7pm	<b>2</b> Women's Group I (Closed Grp) 7:00pm	<b>3</b> Coming of Age Children's Choir 5:30pm Meditation Group 7:30pm	<b>4</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Book Group 7:30pm	<b>5</b> ESL 12pm ESL 6pm Personnel Committee 7pm	<b>6</b> ESL 2pm Pot Luck Supper 6pm Conversations at the Meetinghouse 7pm	<b>7</b> Committee Chairs 9am
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