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## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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**November 2017**

## **NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Childcare provided*

### **November 5: Difficult Conversations**

*10:00am Family Service*

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

It's often hard to have real conversations about complex issues, especially when we don't all agree. This morning we consider the importance of taking risks to engage in such conversations – with family, at church, or in the community. What might the church's role be in helping us to do this important work better?

*Following the service, from 12-1pm in the sanctuary, Rev. Wendy will facilitate a conversation about the kinds of difficult conversations that are happening within the congregation and within the larger community. Childcare will be provided.*

### **November 12: E Pluribus Unum**

*10:00am Family Service*

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

We are living in a country divided despite the motto, "out of many, one." Can we, as a country, find our way back to wholeness? And what might it take to succeed?

### **November 19: Discovering and Recovering a Sense of Wonder**

*10:00am Family Service*

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

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we reflect on what fills us with amazement and what inspires our gratitude.

### **November 26: Caring for Aging Parents**

*10:00am Family Service*

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

Members of the Worship Committee share some of their experiences, and invite you to reflect on your own.



*Unitarian Church of Sharon - September 2017*

## From the Minister



It has been a delight beginning to get to know you! Some of you have already begun to meet with me. And I know there may be others of you out there who would like to call and talk to me, but aren't sure if it's "appropriate." Pleased rest assured that I

would enjoy talking with you no matter what the topic!

I hope you'll be in touch...

- When you simply want to introduce yourself or share with me those things that are important to you
- When you don't feel like you know me very well, but would like the opportunity to get to know me better
- When you have questions about this church or about Unitarian Universalism in general
- When you have questions or concerns about the Interim Process
- When you want to talk about what you believe...or what you don't believe...or about your doubts
- When you are trying to find ways to deepen your spiritual life
- When there is news or information that you think would be helpful for me to know, and you're just not sure if I've heard it (Please don't worry about the possibility that I may have heard it from others...I'd rather hear the same news from 20 people than not hear it at all!)
- When you are having problems with your job, or you or your spouse have gotten laid off
- When you're worried about your finances
- When you're trying to solve a problem or manage a situation in your life and you think it might be helpful to have another sounding board
- When you are struggling as a parent with issues concerning your children
- When you are struggling in your marriage or any other significant relationship

- When you, or someone you know, are struggling with an addiction
- When you are not feeling safe at home or in your workplace or here at church
- When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is
- When someone close to you has died and you would like help planning a memorial service or just want to talk
- When you or someone you know are critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind
- When you or someone in your family are planning to be married and would like me to officiate
- When you would like to have your child dedicated as part of one of our worship services
- When you or someone in your family has been arrested or is in jail
- When you feel ready to join the congregation
- When you have concerns or suggestions
- When you are upset with me or would like to express appreciation
- When you have won the lottery and want to make a large donation to the church
- When you have a great idea and want help figuring out how to implement it

When we haven't had a conversation for awhile and you'd simply like to chat and catch up

As always, I look forward to talking with you! The best ways to reach me are either to email ([minister@uusharon.org](mailto:minister@uusharon.org)) or call the church office. Monday is my day off. On Fridays I write sermons at home. I am usually in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays.

May the blessings of peace and joy be yours!

*Rev. Wendy*



**Lucy Bailey** - Long-time church member passed away on October 23, 2017. The picture was taken in May 2013.

### Caring Committee Update

Long-time church member **Lucy Bailey** died Monday, October 23d, at the age of 91 in Hanover, NH, with family members of several generations surrounding her. While out for a walk, she fell and hit her head after being struck by a bicyclist, resulting in brain bleeding that was deemed inoperable.

Her daughter Becky shared that "she lost consciousness soon after arriving at the hospital and at no time thereafter appeared to be in any pain. After being sustained by ventilator until family could gather on Monday, the family chose to take her off ventilation, and her heart stopped soon after. All generations of the extended family will miss her greatly. Even with frailty and some advance of Parkinson's, she never stopped being the Lucy we loved, and she made many friends at Kendal with whom she shared meals, read Shakespeare aloud, worked together on the weekly newsletter and kept her strength and mobility with daily walks and exercise classes.

Many friends in the church and around Sharon also share many fond memories of Lucy and George Bailey. We will keep you informed of memorial plans as soon as we know them.

You can read Lucy's obituary here: <http://www.vnews.com/Lucile-Duff-Bailey-obituary-Hanover-NH-13375946>

### Volunteer 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!

## Our Committees

The Chalice is starting a new series called Our Committees highlighting the work of all the wonderful volunteer Committees that we have at the Church. If you were ever wondering, what does the Stewardship Committee do, what is the difference between DRE office and the RE Committee or how do I join the IT Committee, follow the series in the next issues of our newsletter.

To begin, here is the list of committees and their current chairs or contacts. To contact the committee, you can go to <http://www.uusharon.org/about/committees/>. If you would like to write an article about your committee, please contact me at [admin@uusharon.org](mailto:admin@uusharon.org)

Linda Cveckova

Committees	
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<b>AIM II.</b>	<i>Jack Armstrong</i>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<i>Lindsay Drisko</i>
<b>Caring</b>	<i>Ivy Krull &amp; Joyce Bramhall</i>
<b>Children's Choir</b>	<i>Forbesy Russell</i>
<b>Choir</b>	<i>Jennifer Spencer &amp; Mel Springer</i>
<b>Finance</b>	<i>Jim Schulz</i>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<i>Ken Zaniewski</i>
<b>Information Technology</b>	<i>Jeff Rose</i>
<b>Meetinghouse Preservation Trust</b>	<i>Frank Salvatore</i>
<b>Membership</b>	<i>Terry Fitzgerald &amp; Jean Zaniewski</i>
<b>Memorial Garden</b>	<i>Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks</i>
<b>Ministerial Search</b>	<i>Beth McGregor</i>
<b>Nominating</b>	<i>Susan Allison</i>
<b>Personnel</b>	<i>Colleen Tuck</i>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<i>Lilly Zhou</i>
<b>Rental</b>	<i>Colleen Tuck</i>
<b>Social Justice</b>	<i>Gare Reid</i>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<i>Rory McGregor</i>
<b>Website</b>	<i>Edele Panessidi</i>
<b>Worship</b>	<i>Valerie White</i>



## Religious Education News

### From the Director of Religious Education

#### In the Dark



As daylight wanes and shadows grow long, we enter into my favorite season... the second half of autumn which I lovingly call the dark time of the year. At church, this is when we change gears. Children

and teachers meditate upon and wrestle with a story of the season until they make it their own.

We build a barn. We trace the sun's shadows. We construct oil jars. We build puppets. We make bread. With each action, we take a story in a little deeper. The characters. The dilemmas.

Stories matter. The stories that we know in our bones can become lenses through which we see the world or yardsticks for the events of our lives.

Welcome to the dark time of the year! I look forward to all the playing and building and to the thoughtful reflection that comes with it.

Blessings,

*Louise*



#### Save the Date: Revels Rehearsals

Children in preschool through Grade 8 will lead worship on Sunday, December 10.

Rehearsals:

**Sunday, December 3**, from 11:45 am to 1 pm

**Sunday, December 10**, from 9 to 10 am

### 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! Activities this past month included pumpkin carving, a fire pit Samhain celebration, and starting weekly Gratitude Journals to focus ourselves in positive self-reflection. We are actively planning our upcoming fall retreat at Cedar Hill and fellowship and service activities for the winter.



#### Junior Youth Fellowship Group

We had a blast carving pumpkins, roasting seeds, and playing One Night Werewolf at our October get together on Friday the 20th! Monthly events have been scheduled through April of 2018 and include lazertag, holiday gift swap, pottery night, boda borg, and more! JYFG meets once a month and is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in our congregation.

#### November Youth Group Retreats

Our annual Cedar Hill Retreat in Duxbury, MA will be held the weekend of November 17th-19th. JYFG will have their overnight Friday to Saturday (17th-18th) and SYG will be Saturday to Sunday (18th-19th). Families please watch for permission slip and RSVP emails. There is a \$60 fee per participant for this year's retreat which helps cover food and rental costs. We have scholarship funds available to ensure access regardless of financial situations.

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).



*Pumpkin carving by the Senior Youth Group in October 2017*

## Religious Education News, Continued

### November in RE

The month of November will see all classes immersing themselves in Revels preparations. This year we will celebrate Revels on December 10th.

The **Preschool-Kindergarten** children will hear stories about the baby born in the barn then they will build their own barn and create the animals that will shelter there.

The **Grade 1-2** class will examine the importance of humanity's relationship with the sun. They will create a solstice inspired art project to share with the congregation at Revels.

The **Grade 3-4** group will explore some of the religious traditions celebrated at this time of year. They will also learn about how to lead worship so that they may share some of these traditions during our Revels service.

The shadow puppet presentation that is a Revels tradition is the role of the **Grade 5-6** students. The Tanzanian folktale "The Pull Together Morning" will be their inspiration.

The **Junior Youth** (Grade 7-8) class will prepare to lead the Santa Lucia celebration during our Revels service. Learning about various coming of age traditions will be part of their journey.

*Karen MacKinnon, RE Assistant*

### **Special Program for Adults and Children: Conversation with Debra Britt**

**Sunday, November 12**, noon to 1 pm. All are welcome!

What do dolls tell us about who we are, where we come from, and where we are going? Debra Britt, executive director of the National Black Doll Museum will help us connect the dots between dolls, heritage, meaning-making, and self-esteem through engaging storytelling and a doll-making demonstration.

Last winter, Debra wowed folks at Conversations at the Meetinghouse – so much so that we are bringing her back at a time when children and adults are most likely to be available to enjoy her rich presentation. Don't miss it!

*Brought to you by a collaboration of the RE Committee and Conversations at the Meetinghouse.*

*Louise Marcoux, DRE*



### **Comprehensive Sexuality Education for Children in Grades 1-2**

Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited to find out what *Our Whole Lives for Grades 1-2* (OWL 1-2) is all about at a one-hour informational meeting on Sunday, November 5, at noon. We'll watch a video about starting and maintaining healthy communication about sexuality between parent and child, with a brief discussion to follow. You'll learn about the structure of the OWL 1-2 program (including parents' roles), review the topics and themes, and find out when the church will offer this program – so that you can make an informed decision about your child's participation in OWL. "Fun care" and healthy snacks will be available to your children during this program.

Please also save the date for the kick-off of OWL 1-2: Sunday, January 7, 12:30 to 3 pm. Participation in this January meeting by your 1st/2nd grader and at least one parent are required for your child to take part in the rest of OWL 1-2.

*Louise Marcoux, DRE*



Debra Britt's National Black Doll Museum in Mansfield. Learn more at: <http://nbdmhc.org>

## November 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 November 24, 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!

### Children's Choir

We love to hear our children singing! Children's choir welcomes all. Meets Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30pm in 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.



### **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*. Please note that the date for the ***Driving Miss Daisy*** has been changed to Friday, Dec. 15.

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.

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown	11/4/17
Driving Miss Daisy	12/15/17
Of Mice and Men	2/3/18
The Tempest	3/24/18
Hair	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 each 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

### **Tom Smith and Seth Connelly**

**Saturday, November 18**

**7pm, doors open 6:30pm**



Tom Smith

Tom Smith's songs are in turns humorous, touching, thought provoking, and inspiring. Deeply rooted in the old-school folk tradition, his timeless stories are told with a voice that is honest and sincere with melodies that you will remember forever. In the words of noted singer/songwriter Barbara Kessler, "Tom Smith will make you laugh and cry (maybe even in the same song) – a very captivating songwriter and performer." <http://www.tomsmithmusic.com/>

Recognized by listeners and musicians alike as a talented singer/songwriter and guitarist, Seth's performances move his audience. "He realizes that music is the one thing that reaches out to all of us..." Often

exploring new musical paths for his melodies accompanied by guitar, Seth songs are "tender, provocative or humorous, always captivating the audience." (Belmont Citizen Herald). The buzz grows louder as New England's best-kept secret is shared with others who hear Seth Connelly making great music. <http://www.sethconnelly.com/>

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



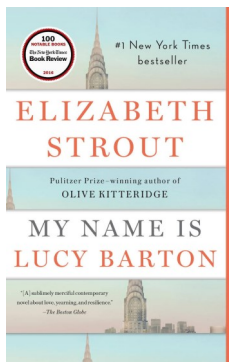
Seth Connelly



## November Programs, continued

### Interest and Discussion Groups

**Book Group** – Join us at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, to discuss **My Name is Lucy Barton** by Elizabeth Strout. Lucy's estranged mother visits her in the hospital following surgery. Reminiscences about people from Lucy's childhood mask underlying tensions from Lucy's escape from her troubled family, her longing to write, and her love for her husband and daughters.



With rare exception, we meet at 7:30pm 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, November 13th from 7:30-9:00PM. All are welcome. Please contact Barbara to RSVP or to receive more information.

**Let's Laugh Today** – Unbuckle your chuckle and attend a FREE Laughter Yoga session in Program Rooms A/B from 11am to noon on Saturday, November 11th (and every second Saturday of each month). Any age and any level of physical ability can participate in this uplifting experience! 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. Please bring your water bottle because laughing is dehydrating. Certified Laughter Yoga Teachers, Linda and Bill Hamaker will give you the gift of laughter! If you have any questions, just call them at 508-660-2223 or e-mail [billandlinda@letslaughtoday.com](mailto:billandlinda@letslaughtoday.com). PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD FOR THE SHARON/STOUGHTON FOOD PANTRY. Children usually come to this morning session, so the energy is invigorating !! New laughers are always welcomed! Pups Giggles and Chipper will also be attending this month! 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, November 9 and 23, at 8pm in the church library. New men are always welcome to join.

**Women's Support Group** – Meets on Thursdays, November 9 and 23, 7:30pm in the Program Space A/B. New women are always welcome to join.

### Movie Night

#### Arrival

On **Friday, November 10**, 7PM the Movie Group will watch **"Arrival"** - confronted with a mass landing of alien vessels around the globe military leaders seek the help of a brilliant linguist in an effort to communicate with the extraterrestrials. All invited. Popcorn is free.



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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES



### Brown Envelope Update

In September we raised \$959.50 for our Partner church in Romania. Brown Envelope (BE) funds collected throughout October will support relief efforts for those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Ma-

ria. November funds will support the work MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy) and Centro Presente. In December, we will ask for BE donations to help our 5 local food pantries, and donations on Christmas Eve will be shared with MainSpring House, the homeless shelter in Brockton.



UCS CommUnity Closet volunteers

### Social Justice Corner in the Vestry

Following Sunday worship 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.

**"Hate Has No Home Here"** signs: SJC ordered 50 and all have been sold. If you would like one, please go to [hatehasnohome.org](http://hatehasnohome.org) to order one directly.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Sunday, November 5**, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM – Social Justice Committee Meeting (Library)

**Sunday, November 12**, 11:30 AM – Lunch making for MainSpring House (Vestry)

### CommUnity Closet

The **CommUnity Closet** is located at the UU Church of Brockton (325 West Elm Street). Donations will be collected in the Vestry on Sundays after worship or any time the church is open. In addition to gently used clothing for men, women, and children, some items (which must be new!) are **always** needed, including socks, underwear, diapers (babies, toddlers, adults), and women's sanitary products. Women have requested reading glasses, too. Warm clothes will be especially appreciated for the next opening on Saturday, November 11, in which we hope to present our visitors with the Winter Collection.

On Saturday, October 14, there was a crowd waiting for the second opening, even though the weather was not the best. Scattered rain showers made it difficult for walking visitors to come. There were approximately 30 adult visitors, not including children, and teenagers, who were not seen at the first opening.

Each visitor is provided with a bag that they can fill with needed items. The Halloween costumes were a success...the children were super excited and couldn't decide on which costumes to take. They were so many to choose from, from infants to adults!

It will be our church's turn to tend the CommUnity Closet for the month of February. Mark your calendars for **February 10, 2018** – an opportunity to meet and serve the community in Brockton! More details to come.

Camelia Rodriguez-Riquelme is our church's representative and coordinator for this project of our Five Point Cluster of local UU congregations. She says: *"Sharon has been incredible supportive and excessively generous! I am so proud of our community!"* Please contact Camelia for more information and to volunteer.



CommUnity Closet in Brockton



## SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES, Continued

### Immigrant Deportation update

The recent statewide ICE raids included an individual from Brockton with ties to our local community. Sharon Interfaith Action (SIA), including several members from this congregation, has been working to support this woman and her family. A deportation order was supposedly put on hold with a court ordered review of the case, pending a new hearing, but on the same day we discovered that she had indeed been put on a plane and sent out of the country. SIA continues to monitor the situation, and is working with lawyers and consultants from MIRA, Centro Presente, the UUSC, the ACLU, and UUMass Action to determine what additional steps can be taken on behalf of the woman and her family. SIA is considering offering Immigration Accompaniment Training for individuals who are interested in direct action in support of immigrant detainees. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

### Immigrant Rights update

Salem, MA passed a Sanctuary for Peace Ordinance in March 2017. This local ordinance created a safe community for all residents in Salem. Anti-immigrant residents in Salem are trying to undo this protection and have added a ballot initiative, which will be voted on Nov 7. If this municipal ordinance passes, it will have a significant negative impact on statewide efforts to pass the **Safe Communities Act**. Sharon Interfaith Action (SIA), including members of this congregation, is doing door-to-door canvass work in Salem to support the Peace Ordinance prior to the vote. A scheduled phone bank for UCS members to be involved was unfortunately canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Stay tuned for developments on this important work.

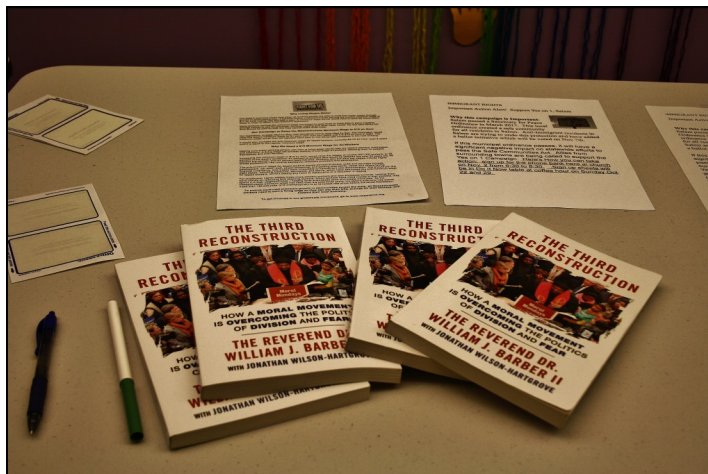
### Poor People's Campaign for Moral Revival Rev. Barber's Mass Meeting

Rev. William Barber II's Poor People's Campaign for Moral Revival has launched a series of Mass Meetings across the country. On October 19, the campaign came to Boston, with live streaming in several cities near Boston. Unitarian Church of Sharon hosted live streaming and several members of Sharon Interfaith Action, including Rabbi Randy Kafka, joined church members in watching the Boston event. This was a powerful witness to the need for justice based on "authentic moral values" where we are called to bring revival to our country and the systemic racism at the basis of our society. Rev. Barber spoke for more than two hours with a powerful reminder of systemic racism imprisoning all those of all races living in poverty.

Barber called us to action in moral rather than political terms. Making health care accessible and affordable, addressing criminal justice disparities, protecting and expanding voting rights, creating good jobs — these are moral issues rather than fodder for partisan debate in his eyes. "This is not about left versus right," he said. "There are certain things that are not left, right, but they are the center of authentic moral values—like love, like justice, like mercy, like caring for the least of these" In laying the groundwork for the Poor People's Campaign, he described America today. "The fights for racial and economic equality are as inseparable today as they were half a century ago. Make no mistake about it: We face a crisis in America. The twin forces of white supremacy and unchecked corporate greed have gained newfound power and influence, both in statehouses across this nation and at the highest levels of our federal government. Sixty-four million Americans make less than a living wage, while millions of children and adults continue to live without access to healthcare, even as extremist Republicans in Congress threaten to strip access away from millions more. As our social fabric is stretched thin by widening income inequality, politicians criminalize the poor, fan the flames of racism and xenophobia to divide the poor, and steal from the poor to give tax breaks to our richest neighbors and budget increases to a bloated military...

At such a time as this, we need a new Poor People's Campaign for Moral Revival to help us become the nation we've not yet been."

Barber calls those who commit to this Moral Revival to work with the poor instead of for the poor.



*Revered Barber's **The Third Reconstruction**: How a moral movement is overcoming the politics of division and fear.*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES, Continued

### Nicaragua Service Trip for Adults

Plans are just beginning for a trip in mid-late July 2018 to Chacraseca (a large rural community near the city of Leon), in cooperation with FNE international ([fneinternational.org](http://fneinternational.org)). If you've considered participating, but are hesitant about house construction (a key feature of previous trips for youth), please note that we will be planning an itinerary that allows for a choice of activities, including visiting schools, teaching English to adults and/or children, working on gardening projects in the community, meeting informally with community residents, as well as helping build a house and stove with and for a local family. For more information and to meet others who may want to go, come to an informational meeting on **Monday, November 6** from 7:00-8:00 pm at church (room TBD). RSVP and direct comments and questions to Janet Schmidt ([jcscoch@gmail.com](mailto:jcscoch@gmail.com)).



Map of Central America and Nicaragua. The arrow highlights Chacraseca.

### TAKE ACTION!

Help get **two** important economic justice initiatives on the state ballot.

**- RAISE Up Massachusetts \$15 an hour minimum wage** - Making sure every working person can earn a living wage would help our state's workers, businesses and economy. A living wage will provide stability to low-income employees, allowing them to support themselves and their families. Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2021 would raise the wages of roughly 947,000 workers.

**- Paid Family Leave and Medical Leave** - PFLML will ensure that Massachusetts workers are not forced to choose between work and their own health needs or the well-being of their children and other family members. We will have petitions and information sheets on these two initiatives at coffee hour on Sundays Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5.

*Social Justice Committee*

### CHURCH YARDWORK

**SATURDAY - NOV 4:** 9am - 12 noon

Give an hour of your time to rake, mow, plant, clean up our beautiful church grounds. Plenty of tasks for all ages. Beverages, bagels, doughnuts to help get you started. If the timing doesn't fit your schedule, but you want to help, sign up in the vestry or call Rory to volunteer: 508-400-4719.

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Activating (and de-activating) the automatic main entry door opener is a 3-step process, and the sequence of steps is important to avoid damaging the mechanism. Instructions are posted on the window near the door, but if you would like a refresher tutorial, please ask any member of the B&G team.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped Ellen clean out the storage shed in preparation for the new, larger one!

*Submitted by Colleen Tuck on behalf of B&G*

### Five Points Cluster Fall Potluck

Gather for a casual potluck and socializing with neighboring UU's at the annual Five Points Cluster Fall Potluck this **Saturday, November 4th**, 5-7 PM. All ages welcome--bring something to share and enjoy good food and company!

It's helpful, but not required, to let us know you're coming and what you're bringing, or if you'd like to volunteer to help. You can sign up at

- <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044da4a729abff2-five1> or
- contact Elaine Price ([elaine.price160@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.price160@gmail.com)) or Beth McGregor ([epjmcg@aol.com](mailto:epjmcg@aol.com)) during the week.



## Conversations At the Meetinghouse



# Andrew Plumridge, CPA

Internal Auditor - Boston Private

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017, 7 PM**

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*Banks and public companies serve many stakeholders: clients, shareholders, employees and regulatory agencies. Trying to balance making money with meeting the needs of clients and regulators is the top challenge that banks need to address. In the short term, corners can always be cut to increase profit. But in the long run that can often lead to breakdowns in client service, financial control and regulatory compliance. Senior management and the Board of Directors rely on internal auditors to help address the long term needs of all of their stakeholders.*

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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***

## November 2017 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">           Please go to <a href="http://www.uusharon.org/calendars">www.uusharon.org/calendars</a>            to reserve meeting space or to view the            most up to date calendar.         </div>			1	2	3	4
			Sustainable Sharon Coalition 7pm RE Committee Meeting 7pm Book Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	ESL 6pm Personnel Committee 7pm Storage task force 7:15pm	Pot Luck Supper 6pm Conversations at the Meetinghouse 7pm	Committee Chairs 9am Church Yardwork 9am 5 Point Cluster Social Event 5pm
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Family Worship Service 10am Worship Service 10:30am Religious Education Classes 10:30am OWL Parent Info Session 12pm SJC 12pm Difficult Conversations 12pm Senior Youth Group 5pm Al-Anon Meeting 7pm Covenant Sharing Group 7pm	Women's Group I (Closed Grp) 7:00pm Nicaragua Trip for Adults Info Meeting 7pm	Children's Choir 5:30pm Meditation Group 7:30pm	Sustainable Sharon Coalition 7pm Board of Trustees 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	ESL 6pm Sustainable Sharon Coalition – SJC 7pm Second Women's Group 7:30pm Men's Support Group 8pm	Movie Night 7pm	Let's Laugh Today 11am
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