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June 2018

## JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

*Childcare provided*

### Sunday June 3: Rainbow Sunday

10:00am Family Service

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

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 10:30 service).

### Sunday June 10: Like-Minded or Like-Hearted?

10:00am Family Service

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

This morning we recognize our graduating seniors and reflect on what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist in today's world.

### Sunday June 17: Intergenerational Celebration

10:15am Service (No RE classes)

This morning, we reflect on summer...on slowing down, enjoying what is around us, and we reflect...on some lessons learned from the god-given sport and art of baseball. This morning's service will be followed by our annual Fathers' Day Picnic. Next week, summer services begin!

## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

**June 24 - September 2**

10:15am (one service only)

Theme for the summer worship services is **Sources of Inspiration**. Each service will include a time of congregational sharing followed by a time of fellowship afterwards. Mel Springer will be providing music.

**Sunday June 24:** Church, State, and Eleanor by John O'Connor and TBD

More details on summer worship schedule to follow in the next newsletter.

## ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH, 7PM

A quorum of at least 20% of members of record is required to approve all articles. The Warrant and the Annual Report will be sent to you in an email shortly.

## From the Minister



I cannot believe it is already June and that we are coming to the end of our first year of interim ministry together! By now you have been through an almost complete cycle of Sundays, holidays, rituals, and yearly events. Things have been different. Some

changes have been subtle, others more pronounced. You've had a chance to feel what church is like without Jim, your beloved former minister, among you.

Now, at year's end, you have an opportunity to reflect back. What, if anything, have you missed? What, if anything, have you found exciting or refreshing? For what do you find yourself longing? What new things would you like to try? How is your spirit? What do you still love about this congregation? Where would you like to put your energy in the coming year? And what qualities would you like to see in your next settled minister?

The Ministerial Search Committee recently sent out a comprehensive survey, which I hope you'll take the time to complete before the end of this church year. They will use your feedback to create the Congregational Record that will be shared with prospective ministerial candidates. As such, it's a very important tool, and one way that the committee will be seeking your input into the search process.

As the year comes to a close, I'd also welcome suggestions or ideas about topics for worship for next year. What is in your heart? What is on your mind? About what are you curious? With what are you struggling? What would you like to explore together? Drop me a note or an email with your ideas! I look forward to hearing from you!

*Rev. Wendy*

## Father's Day Picnic - June 17th

Join the fun and enjoy good eats after the Sunday worship service at our traditional picnic on the church lawn. The men will fire up the grilles and provide hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, sausages. Bring something to share: salads, chips, desserts, beverages. Hope to see you there. Rory McGreg-  
or: 508-400-4719



## From the Director of Religious Education



### The Talk

Telling your child that the world is a more complicated, unfair, and frankly scarier place than they thought it was -- it's not something that parents look forward to.

Parents want their kids to grow up hopeful, strong, empowered.

Parents of African-American children don't have a choice about this. If they want their child to survive, that child needs to know how to navigate interactions with authority figures who view them with suspicion and fear. If they want their child to remain emotionally intact, they need to help their child develop a sense of "who they really are" -- separate from what scared and suspicious people are projecting on them. This Talk about race and racism has to start when children are young -- because the toxic interactions start when they are young. And it is ongoing.

So what does The Talk about race and racism look like in white families? When does it happen? What motivates white parents to talk about race and racism with their children? At what age is it appropriate? What should a white parent say to a white 5 year old? An 8 year old? How much is too much? How little is too little? Where would they begin? (These questions are eerily reminiscent of an OWL parent orientation; here's another topic about which many of us have extremely little experience of how to talk effectively and appropriately with children.)

My response has been to go back to the beginning -- to understand what whiteness is all about. I've been following Scene On Radio's series of short podcasts "Seeing White." The series has made me reflect about who I am and about how whiteness functions in America. It has been an unsettling and exciting journey into seeing my world with fresh eyes and imagining new ways of addressing prejudice and racism in myself and in this society.

Would you care to join me in this exploration? I would like to open a conversation among adults who want to listen to these podcasts and engage in a candid, thoughtful exploration of whiteness. I hope that together we'll create a space where we can discover how to talk about race and racism with one another... to develop the skills to talk with our children about it.

Blessings,

*Louise*

## Our Committees

### From the Ministerial Search Committee

This month the Ministerial Search Committee moves into full gear in the nearly year-long process of what you might call "matchmaking" between our congregation and a new settled minister.

Two first steps happen this month:

#### (1) The **Congregational Survey:**

We hope that **every** member and active friend of the congregation will take the time to fill out this survey during the month of June. You can find the survey at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XV8BXRv>. It helps potential ministerial candidates get a good overview of our congregation--its demographics, its culture, its resources, its ideas on ministry. It helps the Search Committee clarify what we should be looking for in a minister. And it gives you a chance to share your ideas, visions and concerns about our church's future. This survey, based on a template provided by the UUA, is totally anonymous and confidential--not even the Search Committee members will know who gave what responses--and a vital part of the search process. If you did not receive an email from us with a link to the survey, please let us ([search@uusharon.org](mailto:search@uusharon.org)) and the office ([admin@uusharon.org](mailto:admin@uusharon.org)) know. If you prefer to fill out the survey on paper rather than online via Survey Monkey, we have paper copies available for you.

#### (2) The **Search Committee Retreat:**

Our committee will be spending all day Saturday, June 8th, at a retreat led by our UUA Transitions Coach, Lisa Anderson. There we'll develop our covenant for working together, our division of committee responsibilities, the search timeline, and the way we'll make decisions. We enter this retreat prepared with a voluminous manual of procedures, guidance and resources provided by the UUA Transitions Office.

Expect to hear more from us over the summer, as we process the survey results and then set up "cottage meetings"--focus groups where congregants can share their particular needs and aspirations for ministry and their hopes and visions for the church. Transition year is going to be an exciting and formative year!

Hoping to hear from you all,

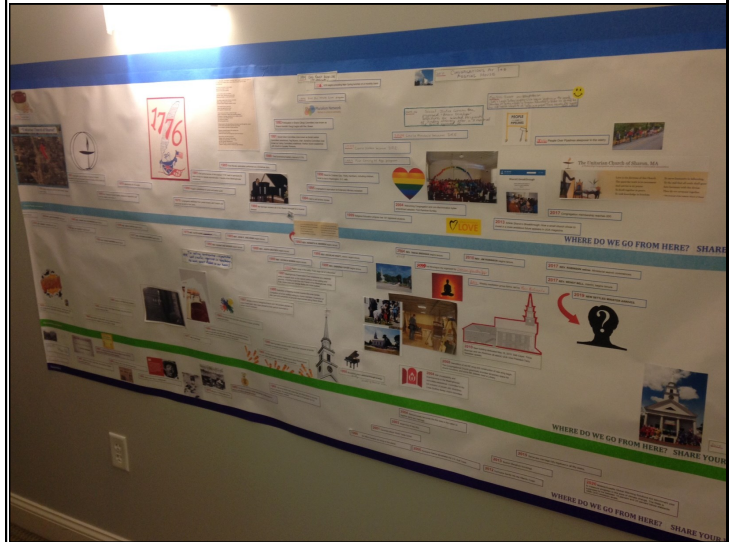
Your Ministerial Search Committee

Tom D'Avanzo, Linda Godfrey-Bailey, Beth McGregor, David Slater, Laurie Wallace, Valerie White and Karen Zelevinsky

### Transition Team

The TimeLine & Ice Cream Social turned out to be a grand success with an excellent turnout of at least 70 members who showed up to kick off this project with a bang. There was rarely a time throughout the event that there was not a very steady group of folks lined up to trace the timeline of the church and to enjoy the ice cream sundaes.

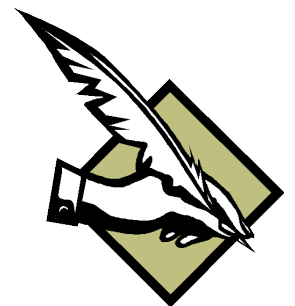
John O'Connor



**Our Timeline Project** - Come check out our timeline project hanging in front of the Vestry. The event organized by Transition Team earlier this month drew many to participate and learn about the past, present and future of our congregation.

### Poetry Appreciation at Church

The Writer's Group has decided to participate in "Common Threads 2018" a project of Mass Poetry for the appreciation and discussion of poetry. Everyone is invited to join us after church at noon on **Sunday, June 10th** - *No writing necessary!* We'll be discussing the poems in the publication "Born to Be Lonely: Massachusetts Poets on Connection and Disconnection", which is available as a [free PDF](http://masspoetry.org/commonthreads2018pdf) ( <http://masspoetry.org/commonthreads2018pdf>) and as a \$10 hardcopy through Harvard Book Store. Weather permitting we'll meet outside. Otherwise we'll meet in the Library. Questions? Ask Jon Slavin ([jslavin37@gmail.com](mailto:jslavin37@gmail.com)) or Ellen Bordman ([eesbordman@gmail.com](mailto:eesbordman@gmail.com)) or go to [masspoetry.org](http://masspoetry.org).





## Religious Education News

### June in RE

By Karen MacKinnon, RE Assistant

With summer just around the corner there are only two weeks of RE classes remaining.

The **Preschool-Kindergarten** children will join the nursery children this month. Their curriculum continues to focus on having connection with the world around them. They'll talk about the wonder and beauty of flowers, and how many people know them.

The **Grades 1-2 and 3-4** students will join together. They will participate in some Rainbow Sunday activities and spend the last session of the year learning about the UU tradition of Flower Communion.

The **Grades 5-6 and 7-8** groups will also team up in June. They will be planning and carrying out a chalking project.

#### SAVE THE DATE

### OWL 7-8 Parent Orientation

Sunday, September 16, 12:30-2:30 pm



**ATTENTION PARENTS of current 6th and 7th graders.**

**Our Whole Lives (OWL)** - comprehensive sexuality education for 7th and 8th graders will be offered at church next year on Sunday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am. The program starts with a mandatory parent orientation at which parents will meet our trained OWL teachers, find out about this curriculum, and view educational materials. After the meeting, parents will be asked to give consent for their children to participate. Informed parental consent is required for a youth to participate in this pro-

### It's June! Time to save \$10!

It's true. If you register your children for RE before June 30, UCS will knock \$10 off the fee. Besides saving money, you do the following by registering in the spring:

1. Let us know if your child has allergies or other special needs so that we can make RE a safer place for everyone.
2. Help us know how many children we'll be welcoming in each classroom.
3. Let us know if we can take your child outside on short walks during RE.
4. Let us know if it's okay for your child's image to be posted on the church web page.
5. Give us the time to make curriculum decisions, organize classrooms, and gather materials so that we are ready to go in September.
6. Registration can be done online or via paper forms. Cost is \$40 for one child, \$60 for two or more (before the discount). Children ages 0-18 should be registered. If your high school student volunteers in RE, their fee is waived. Scholarships are available: please contact Lilly Zhou, Louise Marcoux, or the Rev. Wendy Bell in order to request a scholarship. Any questions about registration can be directed to Louise Marcoux ([dre@uusharon.org](mailto:dre@uusharon.org)).

#### Who Is Allowed to Teach RE?

Some people think that you have to be a parent to teach RE, but at UCS we affirm that we all can learn from one another. Here's a list of things that you DON'T have to be to teach RE.

#### NOT REQUIRED:

- |                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Adult                 | 5. Great artist |
| 2. Parent                | 6. Theologian   |
| 3. Life-long UU          | 7. Martyr       |
| 4. Professional educator | 8. Saint        |

Our message to you is "Come, come, whoever you are,... come, yet again come." We want YOU. Here's what we're looking for.

#### REQUIRED:

1. Sense of humor
2. Curiosity
3. Commitment to this community.

Recognize yourself? Please talk with Lilly Zhou or Louise Marcoux about what experiences might await you as an RE volunteer. Or sign up in the vestry during coffee hour.

## 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!

Members of our Senior and Junior youth groups served a

lunchtime meal to patrons of Rosie's Place, a shelter for homeless women, on Sunday May 27th. The meal was sponsored by Senior Youth Group who raised funding for this outreach through the PanWaff Breakfast. Thank you to all who joined us and donated to this cause, it has been an annual event for SYG.

June will be our last month of regular meetings for the 2017-18 Youth Group year. We invite all Coming of Age participants, 8th and 9th graders, to join us for an SYG welcome/open house at our meeting on June 10th for a game night. We will also be saying farewell to graduating senior member Lucia Cheney at our upcoming Bridging ceremony and wishing her well in her new phase of life and college adventures at UMASS Lowell in the fall.

### Junior Youth Fellowship Group

Has been working on producing Pysanky egg art as well as designing a silk-screen design for tshirts. The schedule got pushed back a little bit on Tshirts to allow more design time. Stencil creation was completed on Monday May 29th, Memorial Day, in preparation for our upcoming Tshirt printing day on Saturday, June 9th at church from 1-4pm. Any and all members of JYFG are welcome to bring a tshirt, canvas bag, pillow case, or any other fabric item they wish to print on to our silk screening event. Blank Tshirts can be purchased at local craft stores in whatever color you prefer. Youth will have the option for white or black ink and likely some other colors as well such as yellow and red.

As always, JYFG families should watch their inbox for additional details. JYFG meets once a month and all events are open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in our congregation.

Have questions about our Senior and Junior youth programs? Want to sign up for an upcoming event? 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)

## Bean Supper, It's Back?

September 8, 5pm

A tradition since 1952, the Bean Supper, the event held Saturday before September "Ingathering", launched the entire Town into Autumn and Back to School, with our **HOMEMADE** baked beans, homemade bread, tossed salads and grilled franks, came up against a new Town ruling a few years back that required beans served to the public be made in a certified kitchen under the supervision of a certified cook. We limped along following new guidelines, but it required a few folks, Beth McGregor mostly, to do all the Bean making in the church kitchen. Making beans was no longer a shared task.



This drove a wedge into community-making within the congregation and in the larger community. Seeing this, the State passed a revision allowing us to hold these potluck events once again with certain disclaimers in advertising.

We can finally be back in the Bean business BUT only if we all contribute. Can we relaunch this Tradition? Do we want to? I do, but I'm only one. Do I hear a second...?

We will see. June will be Bean Supper sign up month! All jobs and foods will be listed and you

can sign up for what you would be willing to contribute. Ken Zaniewski has been Bean King,

chairing this event since 2003! We will follow his notes and his advice, but we are on our own! Together we can celebrate Beth and Ken, Bean King and Queen? Emeritus? They deserve to sit this one out. They've kept Bean Supper alive! To help you, I'm remembering a few tasks: Assembling tables and chairs on the Green. Music. Mums. Making Beans of all kinds. Rice. Kitchen workers. Clean up. Making salads. Making Brownies and Bread. Publicity. Signage. Grills and grilling. Wrapping plastic utensils. Covering tables. Cleaning the kitchen before and after. Donation table. Servers. Bean Supper

Planners....what hats will you wear?!

Let's Do It! Bean Supper has never been about making money so much as it has been about community-making for us and community outreach. By the end of the Church year, at the Father's Day Picnic, we should have an up or down to Bean Supper.

*Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks*

## June Programs

### Music and Arts



**Art from the Heart** will meet on Friday June 15th what is a change to our regular meeting schedule. This is our last time we will meet before the break for the summer. Art from the Heart is an evening of play, fun, creativity, and community. We will provide for you a variety of artistic medium 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!

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

**Children's Choir** meets Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30pm in the vestry. Pizza included. Performing in church twice a month. The choir does not meet when the school is out. Questions? Contact Forbesy at [forbesyrussell@hotmail.com](mailto:forbesyrussell@hotmail.com) or 781-201-9533.

### Not Just Another Coffee House

## The BBQ Boys

Saturday, June 16

7pm, doors open 6:30pm

The BBQ Boys are a 5 member ensemble who play an eclectic mix of country blues, bluegrass, golden oldies, classic rock, and more. Their wide variety of vocal and instrumental styles assure that a BBQ Boys performance will provide a toe-tapping evening of fun with something for everyone.

Multi-instrumentalist Scotty Scott (guitar, mandolin) and singer Don Bailey have been gigging in the Boston area for years with such bands as the Moose Hill Ramblers, Married With Chitlins, The Ellis Tucker Band, and Spinning Lily. Harmonica virtuoso Stu Barer has appeared with The Liz Lannon Band, The Bobby Watson Band, and George Leh and the Rockin Shoes. Bassist Warren "Wando Mannell, along with drummer Brian Cutler, veterans of area bands such as the Transistors, The Jaywalkers, Eric and the Hawks, Vykk Vox, and Maynard Silva, provide the rhythm section.



You never know quite what to expect at a BBQ Boys show — an Al Hirt instrumental, a Chuck Berry rocker, a bluegrass stomper, a swing standard, maybe even a Monkees fave! But one thing you can count on is that their outstanding musicianship, laid-back atmosphere and offbeat humor will make you awfully glad you came.

<https://www.reverbnation.com/thebbqboys/>

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



## June Programs, continued

### Interest and Discussion Groups

**Book Group** – Our upcoming book is 2012's *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright, which we will discuss on Wednesday, June 6th at 7pm.

Ki Lim and Sang Ly battle for survival scavenging recyclables from the trash at Cambodia's largest municipal waste dump and worrying about their chronically ill child, Nisay (whose expensive medicines are not working). Sang Ly learns a secret about the bad-tempered rent collector that sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past.

We will discuss whether to meet in July and/or August and what we will read next.

You are welcome to come even if you haven't finished reading the book.

**Covenant Sharing Groups** – Covenant Group Two meets every second and fourth Sunday. To join Covenant Group Two contact Laurie Wallace. 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 Library. The group is now closed. If you would like to join, please contact Barbara.

**Let's Laugh Today** – Bring the whole family and get your giggle on by attending a FREE laughter session in Program Rooms A/B from 11am to noon on Saturday, June 9th. 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. Please bring your water bottle because laughing can be dehydrating. Led by Certified Laughter Yoga Teachers, Linda and Bill Hamaker. If you have any questions, just call them at 508-660-2223 or e-mail [billandlinda@letslaughtoday.com](mailto:billandlinda@letslaughtoday.com). PLEASE BRING AT LEAST ONE CANNED GOOD FOR THE SHARON/STOUGHTON FOOD PANTRY. New laughers are always welcomed! See more information and other opportunities to laugh at [www.letslaughtoday.com](http://www.letslaughtoday.com). There will be a meeting in July, but not in August.



**Meditation Group**—Join our circle of mindfulness meditation on Tuesday evenings at church at 7.00pm. (Please note there is a permanent time change to 7.00pm). 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 6:45 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 7:15pm. It is an open meeting.

**Men's Support Group** - Meets on second and fourth Thursdays of the month, at 8pm in the church library. New men are always welcome to join.

**Reiki Support Group** - Meets every first Sunday of the month at 3pm. This is a closed group. Please call Laurie Wallace, if you have questions.

**Women's Support Group** – Meets on second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm in the Program Space A/B. New women are always welcome to join.

### Movie Night

Friday, June 15, 7PM

### Monty Python's Life of Brian

Movie Group will meet on **June 15 at 7pm** since June 8 is the Annual Meeting of the congregation.

The movie is **Monty Python's Life of Brian** - the classic religious satire that pokes fun at fanaticism and hypocrisy



## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



**Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism:** Our congregation joined with many other UU congregations around the country in answering the call to participate in "The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith" campaign to support Black

Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU). At a service led by Wilbur Edwards in February, asking "Why Aren't There More Black Unitarians?" we began a discussion of white supremacy culture in our churches and how to understand and address it. We also launched an effort to raise an average of \$10 per member, in order to qualify to have our gift to the UUA for this work matched by a UU donor. All the pledged donations have been made, and a check just went to the UUA for \$2167.59 (more than \$10 a member). Thank you to everyone who contributed. The work of understanding and dismantling the pattern of white supremacy culture in our faith is ongoing, and BLUU continues to provide inspiration, organizing and resources.

**UU Urban Ministry:** At the Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry (UUUM) in Roxbury on May 17, delegates heard numerous updates and reports from the Ministry's staff as well as from participants in their many programs. There are numerous opportunities for participation in their work, and the SJC remains interested in developing stronger connections with our partners in Boston. Our Brown Envelope collections on June 24, and during summer services in July, August, and the first Sunday in September will go to support UUUM Youth Programs.

### CommUnity Closet Update

The Community Closet continues to distribute free clothing and other items to needy people in Brockton on a monthly basis. The churches in the Five Point Cluster take turns staffing it. If you are interested in working on the open day on August 10, please see Jim Mullin. We have also added a Saturday devoted to restocking, generally on the fourth Saturday of the month (although it was on the 19th in May) and anyone interested in helping that way should also contact Jim. We have an ongoing need for seasonal clothing and new hygiene items. Especially popular are pocketbooks, and especially needed are infant and toddler clothes. There is a collection bin under the Social Justice bulletin board. Thank you for your help with this project. About 80 adults benefit from this monthly.

### Nicaragua Service Trip

**Nicaragua Trip:** We're preparing for our trip to Chacraseca, a large rural community outside of the Pacific coast city of Leon, Nicaragua from July 24 until August 1.

Working with FNEI ([fneinternational.org](http://fneinternational.org)),

we'll be helping to build a house, latrine, and eco-friendly stove for and with a local family, coached by a team of experienced local builders. During the worship services on Sundays in April, we collected \$1126.67 in BE donations, which will go to FNEI to purchase construction materials and pay the builders, who will see the project to completion after we leave. Thank you for your support!

If you didn't have a chance to donate to the project through the BE donations, you can use the link below to donate online:

<https://fneinternational.org/sharon-trip-2018/>

We set an April deadline for determining if there were enough participants for the trip. Now that we have a group of six, we can add a few more people. If you want to join us, but weren't able to commit earlier, contact Janet Schmidt right away. If we can get you on the same flights as we booked, or on similarly scheduled flights, we would be happy to include you.



**Nicaragua Trip Participants:** (L-R) Beth Hoke, Colleen Tuck, Janet Schmidt, Louise Marcoux, and Jon Slavin (missing from photo: Karen Zelevinsky)



## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, Continued

### Boston Pride Parade

Don your rainbow-colored shirts and join members of UCS for the annual Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 9. We will meet at the Sharon train station and ride the 9:08 AM train into Back Bay. We will then attend the Pride service at the Arlington Street Church at 11:00 AM. At noon, the parade begins and participants can choose to march with the Arlington Street Church group or watch the parade from the sidelines. Please join us! Happy Pride!



### Brockton Interfaith Community (BIC):

On May 20, eight people met after church with Will Dickerson, Executive Director of Brockton Interfaith Community (BIC) to learn more about community organizing trainings that will be offered in June and July. To date six members of UCS have been involved in these trainings as part of Sharon Interfaith Action (SIA). SIA sees as its mission working with BIC on issues significant to the larger Brockton area. Currently, the target issue is Educational Funding. Please contact Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks, or any of the SIA-BIC community organizers: Ellen Bordman, Linda Fingerson, Beth Hoke, Jenna Koines and Elaine Price.

### Rainbow Sunday

On June 3, the Unitarian Church of Sharon will celebrate our annual Rainbow Sunday. On Rainbow Sunday, we honor the diversity in our congregation and that we are a welcoming congregation. During the adult service, we will have a guest speaker from Freedom for All Massachusetts who share with us about TransLawMA and how we can help defend transgender equality in Massachusetts. Please plan to attend on Rainbow Sunday, and wear a shirt with a color of the rainbow for our annual UCS photo after the service.



**Past picture of Annual Pride Celebration** - join us for this year's UCS rainbow photo after Rainbow Service on June 3rd

Honoring LGBTQ Equality, the UCS Social Justice Committee has once again selected GLSEN (glsen.org) as the recipient of the brown envelope offerings for the first three Sundays in June. GLSEN (pronounced "glisten") is an organization of educators creating safe and affirming environments in schools for LGBTQ students through training for school faculties and the formation of Gay-Straight Alliances for the youth.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Sunday, June 3:** 12 Noon –1:30 PM: Social Justice Committee meeting (Library)

**Sunday, June 3:** Rainbow Sunday Worship Service and Group Photo

**Saturday, June 9:** Boston Pride Parade

**Sunday, June 10:** Lunch making for MainSpring House during coffee hour (Vestry)

**The next monthly meeting of the Social Justice Committee** will take place on Sunday, June 3, 12 – 1:30 PM in the library. All church members and friends are welcome to attend any meeting. Share your ideas and concerns there or contact one of the co-chairs, Elizabeth Siftar and Gare Reid. We encourage everyone who wants to stay informed about social justice initiatives at the state level to sign up for UU Mass Action's weekly updates ([uumassaction.org](http://uumassaction.org)).

**SJ 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



## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, Continued

### RAISE UP Massachusetts

On May 8, members of UCS (Gare Reid, Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks, Linda Fingerson, Lucia Cheney and Elizabeth Siftar) joined members of Brockton Interfaith Community at the State House to rally and lobby for Paid Family and Medical Leave and \$15 Minimum Wage. The rally was well attended, with statewide participation. After the rally on the Grand Staircase, the group marched to the offices of Speaker DeLeo, Senate President Chandler and Governor Baker to deliver letters in support of Paid Family and Medical Leave and \$15 Minimum Wage. In addition, participants delivered postcards to their senators and representatives. Our own Lucia Cheney delivered the postcards to Sen. Feeney and Rep. Kafka. Updates on the bills will be coming soon.



**Lucy Bailey**—Long-time church member passed away on October 23, 2017.

### Remembering Lucy Bailey

We remember with fondness and gratitude long-time member Lucy Bailey, who died on October 23, 2017 following an accident. Her family, after a brief private service in the Memorial Garden, is planning a memorial service at the church on Saturday, July 21 at 2:00 pm,. Lucy and George were pillars of the church and Sharon, and family members look forward to sharing memories with the many family friends who were privileged to know her. A reception in the vestry will follow the service.

Submitted by Colleen Tuck



**Raise Up MA:** Some UCS members and a friend



**Raise Up MA:** On the Grand Staircase at the MA State

### New keyless doors coming to UCS this summer!

B&G and the Board of Trustees are developing a plan to convert several of the doors at church to a new keyless-entry system, thus eliminating the need for most of us to keep track of our church-issued keys. Staff, teachers, Committee chairs and others who need access to the church at times when the doors may not be open will each be given a unique 4 or 5 digit code that will open the main entrance, Admin Office, and RE Office doors, as needed. This will result in better security, easier access, and far fewer lost keys.

Detailed plans for the switch over this summer, likely in August, are currently being worked out. Stay tuned for more updates, and eventually a simple personalize code to replace your key if you are someone who needs access to the church at off hours. We are working to make the transition as smooth as possible!

Gare Reid





## Successful Yard Sale

Mother Nature smiled on the UU Yard Sale on Saturday May 19th and provided morning sunshine despite predictions of rain which finally came around noon-time. The Vestry and Program Rooms A/B were set up for an indoor sale. When our workers arrived at 8am, we made the command decision to move outdoors. It was the right decision! We had a steady stream of customers and kept our checkout table busy all morning ringing up the cash register. Net revenue was \$1,853 and could go higher with some of the more valuable items diverted to consignment outlets for potentially higher sale prices. Volunteers of all ages from the church pitched in to help; a young teenager who came to shop with his mom was so excited by the Yard Sale that he stayed to lend a hand until it was over.

Rory McGregor

## Conversations at the Meetinghouse

### A Little water music

#### A program of Water-works for piano duet

Christine & David Hagan, pianists

Friday, June 1, 2018 at 7PM

Featuring compositions by Debussy, Pierné, Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Saint-Saens, and Rachmaninoff, inspired by storm, babbling brook, sea cave (Hebrides-style), boat, barque and barcarolle, and an aquarium.



**May 30: Revels in June? No.** - Rev. Wendy and DRE Louise hard at work to free a bird from the sanctuary. The swallow is perched on the left lamp. We hope it will fly home soon.

## Parking reminder

At Church parking is allowed only in designated, lined spaces in the parking lot. To comply with fire and safety codes, parking is prohibited in the circular driveway. Additional parking is available in the municipal lots on High Street and in the lot behind the stores on Billings Street. Parking is also available in the Eastern Bank parking lot if the bank is closed. On Sundays, the Board of Trustees encourages members to consider not using the church parking lot, to leave spaces for those who June have difficulty walking a distance.



## June 2018 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pot Luck Supper 6pm Conversations at the Meetinghouse 7pm (A/B)	2 Committee Chairs 9am (VES)
3 Family Worship Service 10am Worship Service 10:30am Religious Education Classes 10:30am SJC 12pm (LIB) Reiki Support Group 3pm (A/B) Senior Youth Group 5pm (VES) Covenant Group I. 7pm (VES) AI-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB)	4 Women's Grp I (Closed Grp) 7pm (LIB)	5 Children's Choir 5:30pm (VES) Meditation Group 7:00pm (LIB)	6 RE Committee 7pm (NUR) Book Group 7pm (LIB) Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (SAN)	7 ESL 6pm (LIB) Personnel Committee 7pm (MIN)	8 REC Leadership Meeting 6pm (A) Annual Meeting 7pm (VES)	9 Let's Laugh Today 11am (A/B)
10 Family Worship Service 10am Worship Service 10:30am Religious Education Classes 10:30am Writer's Group – Poetry Appreciation 12pm (LIB) Senior Youth Group 5pm (VES) Covenant Group II. 7pm (VES) AI-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB)	11 <del>Massapoag</del> Ukulele Group 7:30pm (VES) Building & Grounds 7:30pm (A/B) Journey Group (Closed) 7:30pm (LIB)	12 Children's Choir 5:30pm (VES) Rental – piano recital 6:30pm (SAN) Meditation Group 7:00pm (LIB)	13 Board of Trustees 6:15pm (LIB) Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (SAN)	14 ESL 6pm (LIB) Second Women's Group 7:30pm (A/B) Men's Support Group 8pm (LIB)	15 Movie Night 7pm (A/B) Art in the Heart 7pm (VES)	16 Coffee House 7pm
17 Worship Service 10:15am Father's Day Picnic 11:30 am (OUT) Rental – SMA concert 3pm (SAN) Covenant Group I. 7pm (VES) AI-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB)	18	19 Meditation Group 7:00pm (LIB)	20 Caring Committee Meeting 7pm (MIN) Membership Committee 7pm (LIB)	21	22	23
24 Worship Service 10:15am Rental – SPAA concert 1:45pm (SAN) Covenant Group II. 7pm (VES) AI-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB)	25 Journey Group (Closed) 7:30pm (LIB)	26 Meditation Group 7:00pm (LIB)	27	28		



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