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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00am Family Service
10:30am Adult Service
(while children are in their religious education classes)

October 7: Faith and our "Search for Truth and Meaning"

Guest preacher: Barbara Nelkin-Rose, Interfaith Minister

We will explore what faith is, on both an inter-faith and an intra-faith level and the role faith plays in the 4th UU Principle: "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

Bio: Rev. Barbara Nelkin-Rose (aka Barbara Rose), one of our own Church members, was recently ordained as an Interfaith Minister this past June, 2018 by One Spirit Learning Alliance in New York City. She is also a Reiki Practitioner, a composer and facilitator of a meditation/discussion group focusing on inner exploration and spiritual growth. These activities, along with her family – husband Jeff, three adult children and a granddog - bring joy and meaning to her life.



October 14: True Belonging

Our nation is deeply and painfully divided as we head into next month's mid-term elections. This morning we explore ways to bridge that divide as we reflect on some of the wisdom from Brene Brown's new book, *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*.

October 21: Is Everyone Welcome at the Table?

Guest preacher: Rev. Jane Dwinell

We Unitarian Universalists like to think we are accepting of everyone, but are we really? Do we often make assumptions (often incorrect) about people we meet?

Bio: The Rev. Jane Dwinell is a retired UU minister who specialized in assisting small congregations and is the author of *Big Ideas for Small Congregations*. Currently, she lives in Burlington, VT, with her partner, Sky Yardley, who has early stage Alzheimer's disease. They have a blog, alzheimerscanyon.blogspot.com, where they share their experiences of living with this disease. For fun, they garden, spend time in and on Lake Champlain, and take in a round of disc golf whenever possible.



October 28: All Souls

As part of our annual service of remembering, you will be invited to light a candle and to name loved ones who have died. We will reflect on grief and letting go.

From the Minister



In J.R.R. Tolkien's novel, *The Two Towers*, as the Hobbits find themselves traveling in great peril, Frodo tells Sam that he's afraid he can't go on. "I know," says Sam. "It's all wrong. By rights we shouldn't even be here. But we are."

With all that's going on in our country right now, including what feels like a continuous assault on women and our rights to bodily integrity, not to mention on democracy itself, I confess that there are mornings that I wake up feeling like rather like Frodo, and needing a pep-talk like the one that Sam goes on to give.

"It's like in the great stories, Mr. Frodo," Sam said. "The ones that really mattered. Full of darkness and danger they were. And sometimes you didn't want to know the end. Because how could the end be happy. How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad had happened. But in the end, it's only a passing thing, this shadow. Even darkness must pass. A new day will come. And when the sun shines it will shine out the clearer. Those were the stories that stayed with you. That meant something. Even if you were too small to understand why. But I think, Mr. Frodo, I do understand. I know now. Folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back only they didn't. Because they were holding on to something."

Frodo asks, "What are we holding on to, Sam?"

And Sam replies, "That there's some good in this world, Mr. Frodo. And it's worth fighting for."

There is so very much that is good in this world. That belief has long been fundamental to the Unitarianism that we inherited from our religious forebearers. As has been the belief that it's worth fighting for.

I hope that in the midst of this busy fall of the ministerial search process, as you attend cottage meetings and the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop on Sunday, October 21st, and as you carry on with the business of church...I hope you will remember how important the work of this liberal religious community really is. For we are called by our tradition to defend human dignity and truth and democracy - all core to our Unitarian Universalist Principles. Together we are part of one of those great stories, the ones that really mattered. Let us not turn back.

Autumn blessings on all you are and all you do,

Rev. Wendy

From the Director of Religious Education



Agreements

Our agreements with one another matter. This statement forms the cornerstone of Unitarian Universalist religious education.

In September, our children and youth began the church

year by making agreements of how they would be together – how to make RE be a fun and meaningful time together. They wrote up their covenant and each signed their name – thereby agreeing to be called back to the covenant at times when they stray from it.

From our children came some standard inclusions: "One person talks at a time." "Gentle touch (with permission). No hitting, please!" and "Allow everyone to share or pass."

And some surprising additions: "Respect different learning styles." "Opportunities for safe movement during class." "Be brave. Take risks."

My take-away: our children take covenant-making seriously. They are willing to put themselves out there to make being in community work for both themselves personally and their group as a whole.

Last spring, the committee chairs discussed ways of helping adults in our congregation look out for one another as a group. Responding to concerns from RE teachers, they created a procedure for "what to do when worship continues after 11:30." RE is supposed to end at 11:30. Parents are expected to pick their children up by 11:35, so that teachers can clean up and then participate in coffee hour or leave for a family commitment. Now, if worship continues past 11:35, parents are asked to leave the sanctuary, pick up their kids, and then return to the sanctuary (if worship continues) or coffee hour (if worship has concluded). This way, these volunteers have confidence that their commitment ends at 11:35 and can plan their lives accordingly.

Getting used to a new set of agreements can be challenging. We may discover glitches in this procedure. Some people may forget that the procedure exists. Only by communicating with one another about our observations will we be able to fine-tune this arrangement and figure out how best to work together.

Blessings,

Louise

From the President



*We Gather as a Liberal
Religious Community,
Honoring our Differences
To Support One Another as
We Grow in Mind and Spirit
And Reach Out to Serve the
World*

This is the Mission Statement of our Church. I have to admit I was not familiar with this Mission until last year! The Board's primary focus is to uphold this Mission by ensuring the Church can sustain itself financially and structurally. In addition, the Board supports the Ministerial work of the Church (worship, religious education, social justice, caring, music, adult education, youth). We do this with the staff and the volunteers who work hard for all of us to help create our Church community. Every member and friend helps build our Church community!

At the Board retreat on September 16th, we began to delineate our goals for the coming year. At this writing, the Board is reviewing a draft of the goals. I can share a general overview for the October Chalice. The Board wants to make progress delineating the Board's Governance role and the Ministry role by setting goals and ensuring an open, creative and accountable atmosphere. We also want to make pro-

gress on intentionally enhancing and building a strong and supportive community within the Congregation. The Board is clarifying and strengthening the expectations of Board Liaisons to a number of Church Committees to ensure that we make progress towards these goals.

The Board Liaisons to the Committees are listed in the table below.

Many of these Committees are looking for volunteers to be on the Committees and/or to help with tasks. Please reach out to the Committee Chairs for more information.

Finally, on September 16th I was proud to represent the Board as the congregation gave its blessing to this year's Religious Education Volunteers! Over 48 adults and youth will be working with our children this year building a trusting and honest relationship with each child, helping each child feel valued and to grow spiritually. This is one of many examples of intentionally building our community!

Please join me in enhancing and building our community. My first step is to sit in a different place on Sunday and to meet someone new and listen!

Susan Olson Drisko, President

Committee	Board Liaison	Chair(s)
IT	Chuck Bordman	Jeff Rose
Website	Chuck Bordman	Edele Panessidi
Adult Education	Janet Schmidt	TBD
Finance	Paul Tuck	Paul Tuck
Stewardship	Brian Cook	Rory McGregor
Worship	Barbara Rose	Meg Dussault & Jean Fox
AIM2	Chuck Bordman	Jack Armstrong
Social Justice	Janet Schmidt	Gare Reid & Elizabeth Siftar
Nominating	Susan Drisko	Susan Allison
Personnel Committee	Susan Drisko	Colleen Tuck
Building and Grounds	Paul Tuck	Lindsay Drisko
Membership	Brian Cook	Terry Fitzgerald & Jean Zaniewski
Religious Ed	Barbara Rose	Andrea Pannone & Christian Roulieau
Caring Committee	Wendy Bell	Joyce Bramhall & Ivy Krull
Endowment Committee	Brenda Wilbur	Pam Baker Webber

List of UU Sharon Committees - Reach out to Committee Chairs for more information.

Ministerial Search Committee

Help in the Search for a Settled Minister: Sign Up for a Cottage Meeting

Participating in a Cottage Meeting is one way you can help the Search Committee select a settled minister for the church. Cottage Meetings are a structured way to solicit feedback from the Congregation about what's important in a new minister and to hear each other's perspectives. They will be about an hour long, and will be held in a variety of locations, including congregational member's homes.

See below for the current schedule. To sign up, select the meeting you are interested in and write your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestry.

Date Day	Time	Location
Fri 10/12	7:30pm	52 Upland Rd., Sharon (McGregor home)
Sun 10/28	4:00pm	150 N. Main St, Sharon (Godfrey-Bailey home)
Mon 11/12	9:00am	245 Norwood St, Sharon (Howard/Krull home) Note: This is Veteran's Day

More meetings will be added if there is demand for them. There will be separate meetings for Jr. & Sr. youth.

BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING

"Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met? Will the minister understand what I'm living with? How will the community respond to our minister?"

In answering these questions, a picture of the "ideal minister" (categorized by age, gender, gender identity, nationality, physical ability, race, and sexual orientation) comes to mind. With this picture in place, it can be easy to unintentionally exclude ministers who fall into certain categories. At times, as we get caught up in comparing candidates to our "picture," we can even forget what it is we hoped for in a minister.

On Sunday, October 21, we will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a three-hour BCT workshop and a Sunday morning service with Rev. Jane Dwinell, a facilitator trained by the UUA. In the workshop, attendees will:

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister
- Learn more about the ministerial search process, and
- Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

Please plan to come on **Sunday, October 21**, to participate in this important and thought-provoking workshop, which will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. We'll provide child care, and a nice sociable lunch beforehand for all who'd like to stay straight through after the worship service.

Search Committee and Rev. Jane Dwinell

Religious Education News

October in RE

October will find our **Preschool-Kindergarten** class talking about trees. They'll visit some trees on the church grounds to explore their beauty, talk about ways we can care for trees, and learn about recycling. The effects of rain will also be discussed. A Halloween themed session will complete the month with the children playing pumpkin games and making masks.

The **Grade 1-2** group will be learning about family and faith ancestors and their legacies. They will explore the similarities and differences among families of all shapes and sizes, as well as learn about graces and blessings while making a grace table tent to take home. The last week of October will see the class beginning their Revels sessions which focus on the solstice.

The **Grade 3-4** students will spend part of the month learning about the practice of prayer. They will also explore empathy as a tool to help them treat others with kindness and respect. Then at month's end they will begin their Revels sessions focusing on the stories and traditions of Hanukkah.

The **Grade 5-6** class will explore the power of growth and place; learning about the journey our food takes and planting herbs, thinking about one's connection to one's location and learning about partnerships that exist between UU churches despite distance. They will also reflect on how the themes they've discussed so far this year can be expressed in life and further explored. The class will also jump into Revels at month's end.

The **Grade 7-8** students will be continuing their OWL curriculum. The sessions in October will include the language of sexuality, anatomy and physiology, personal concerns about puberty and discussing body image.

By Karen MacKinnon, RE Assistant

Small jobs that make a big difference

Looking for a small, time-limited way to support the RE program? Please take a few minutes with the RE Team survey. You'll find a long list of jobs – a few of which might be fun or meaningful for you AND work within your busy schedule. Your responses indicate you may be interested. RE Committee members will follow up with you with the specifics. You decide from there whether to sign on.

Click [here](#) to go to the survey.

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 9. Revels season in RE begins on October 28. Find out more by speaking with Louise Marcoux or any member of the Religious Education Committee.

Our Whole Lives for Grades 5-6

Parents of 5th and 6th graders are invited to an informational meeting about the *Our Whole Lives (OWL)* 5-6 comprehensive sexuality education program that the church will offer later this fall. This meeting is intended to support parents and guardians in their role as their child's primary sexuality educator. What does OWL 5-6 offer your family? Find out on **Sunday, October 7, from noon to 1 pm.**

Childcare and healthy snacks will be provided at no charge. You don't need to RSVP, but it helps us to know approximately how many children are coming so that we have enough food and appropriate staffing levels for Fun Care. Please email the DRE with your approximate RSVP or any questions.

The program will be launched on **Sunday, November 4, 4:30 to 7 pm** with a Parent-Child Orientation. Participation in the orientation is required for youth to take part in the 10 session OWL 5-6 program. Fun Care will be offered for siblings. A light supper for participating families is included in the program. There is no charge to participate. Again, RSVP helpful but not required.



Creative learning spaces built by Grades 3– 4

Religious Education News, continued

Should I register my children in the RE program?

Eventually, yes. If you are new to the church, please come with your family a few times to make sure that you feel comfortable here. Please fill out a visitor form so that we know if your child has allergies and so that we can send you email warning you about an upcoming paint activity in your child's class.

All children and youth ages 0-18 years should register (eventually). Forms are available outside the RE office and on the church web site. Scholarships are available through the minister, the Director of Religious Education, or Christian Rouleau or Andrea Pannone (chairs of the RE Committee).

YOUTH GROUPS

Senior Youth Group

Meets on Sundays from 5-7pm in the space currently named the Nursery. Senior Youth Group is open to any and all individuals in grades 9 - 12 and folks are encouraged to bring frielindands! Big

things lie ahead this year for SYG! We are in the process of creating dedicated youth space and have been discussing a new name for the Nursery that reflects the multi-age use of this space moving forward. We are also brainstorming and visioning about the look and feel of this space, so watch for some changes in the coming months.



Junior Youth Fellowship Group

We had a fun-filled September meeting date where we planned out our activities for the year and played some get-to-know-you games. JYFG meets monthly and is for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We are now working on scheduling out our meeting dates, families should have received a scheduling email at the end of September. Our next event will be our annual youth retreat to Cedar Hill Retreat Center in Duxbury. JYFG families should mark their calendars for an overnight Friday Oct 12th to Saturday Oct 13th.

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

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 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)

Louise Marcoux, DRE

Volunteer opportunity: Social Media

Are you interested in social media in service of our community? The Web Committee is looking for one or two volunteers to monitor and post to the Church's Facebook page and possibly other social media. This would entail responding to questions posted on the page, and posting information once a week or more. It would also involve coordination with the Web Committee as we develop social media guidelines. If you're interested, please contact Brad Larson, brad@bradlarson.com.



October Programs

Music and Arts



Art from the Heart is looking for a new program coordinator, as the talented Jean Fox is stepping down this year. If you are interested to lead Art in the Heart, please contact Joyce Bramhall. The program meets every 4th Friday of the

month, in the vestry. Art from the Heart is an evening of play, fun, creativity, and community. This is art without right or wrong, good or bad, better worse—rather it is art for everyone to enjoy.

Children's Choir meets regularly on Tuesdays from 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 or 781-201-9533.

The 2018-2019 UU Theater Nights

The next UU Theatre night at Mass Music Arts Society is **on Saturday, October 27** for Assassins (please note the change in date). Assassins is a darkly humorous musical review that depicts nine misfit men and women who strike out at the symbol for America: the American President. The Music and Lyrics are by

Stephen Sondheim and Libretto by John Weidman. The musical first opened Off-Broadway in 1990, and the 2004 Broadway production won five Tony Awards.

If we have enough people our make-our-own-pot-luck reception will start at 7:00pm and the show starts at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$30.00pp (\$29.00 for members). UCS member Christian Rouleau is in the show so I hope you'll join me in supporting him in his first musical appearance

The dates for the upcoming shows are:

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| Oct 27 | Assassins *NEW DATE* |
| Dec 9 at 2pm | A Christmas Carol for families (no reception) |
| Jan. 26 | The Complete Works of William Shakespeare |
| Mar 16 | Odd Couple Female Version |
| May 4 | Evita |



Not Just Another Coffee House

The Rough and Tumble

Saturday, October 20
7pm, doors open 6:30pm

The Rough & Tumble is a multi-instrumental folk-american duo consisting of Mallory Graham and Scott Tyler. While they consider their beloved PO Box location to be Nashville, the couple has been living on the road with their two dogs for two of their five touring years. The Rough & Tumble delivers each performance with the nudge of an elbow, a wink from the right eye, and the sincerity of Pinocchio after his rehabilitation. Their 2016 release, *Pieces and Pieces*, was written for the dually named Alyssa Pearson film, and delved into themes of women, war, and PTSD. Their recent release, *Cardboard and Christmas Lights* (Rock Candy Recordings), is a 7 song EP that brings any R&T fan—new or long time devout—up to date with an uncomfortable smile on their somber face. Their upcoming full length album, *We Made Ourselves a Home When We Didn't Know*, is expected in early February 2018.

www.theroughandtumble.com

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



October Programs

Interest and Discussion Groups

Book Group – We have chosen to read George Eliot's *Middlemarch* for discussion on October 3rd at 7pm. The novel is set in the fictitious Midlands town of Middlemarch during 1829–32. It comprises several distinct, intersecting stories and a large cast of characters.



For November, we will read *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. A PBS "Great American Read" Top 100 Pick, the book brings to life a Southern love story long out of print due to audiences' rejection of its strong black female protagonist.

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

Let's Laugh Today – Bring the whole family and get your giggle on by attending a FREE Laughter Yoga session in Program Rooms A/B from **11am to noon on Saturday, October 13th** (and every second Saturday of each month). There will be some special guests this 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 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. PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD FOR THE SHARON/STOUGHTON FOOD PANTRY. New laughers are always welcomed! See more information and more opportunities to laugh at www.letslaughtoday.com.

Meditation Group meets weekly. It is an open group, available to anyone who cares to give it a try. We meet Tuesdays at 7pm for one hour of silent meditation. The one-hour period is divided into two sitting periods with an optional period of walking meditation in the middle. This division also allows participants to join us for just 30 minutes of meditation and then leave, without any disruption, instead of (or after) the walking meditation. Please call Susan Allison or Ray Wallace with any questions.

Movie Night is on Friday, October 12, 7PM We will watch *RBG* - documentary about the life and career of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Popcorn is free!



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

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.

Seeing White

Join the conversation at the Unitarian Church of Sharon

Sunday, October 28, 7:30 pm

How Race Was Made

Listen to Episode 2: *How Race Was Made* before we meet.



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 Group - The Men's Group is a group for men who are members and friends of UCS. We gather on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 pm to talk about our lives and topics of mutual interest. We are open to new members. If you're curious please feel free to drop in on one of our meetings. For more information you can ask Jon Slavin (jslavin37@gmail.com) or any other group member.

Women's Support Group II. – Meets on second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm. New women are always welcome to join.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



Support for urgent Social Justice needs

September has been a difficult month, with several painful events making headlines. At the September SJC meeting, a lengthy discussion resulted in a number of actions being taken to support critical efforts. In response to the gas line explosions in the Merrimack Valley, we designated \$1000 from our Shopping for Justice fund to sustain Lawrence Community Works as they support numerous families driven from their homes. Additionally, we have begun to collect specific items needed by the victims of this tragedy (see below). We also released \$500 from our discretionary Fair Trade fund to support the educational work of Freedom for All Massachusetts, related to the Transgender Rights ballot initiative in November (see below). Lastly, our October Brown Envelope collection will support the UUA's Disaster Relief Fund, which focuses on flexible responses to long term needs in communities recovering from a range of disasters, including Hurricane Florence and similar events.

Living Our Faith in Response to the Tragedy in the Merrimack Valley

The City of Lawrence is requesting donations of desperately needed items for victims of the recent gas explosions and fires. We will be collecting hand sanitizers, alcohol pads, socks, underwear for kids and adults, blankets, toiletries, feminine products, toilet paper, and towels. Please place your donations in the marked boxes in the Vestry, which will then be delivered to Lawrence.

CommUnity Closet: Volunteer to help on 13 October

It will be our church's opportunity to staff the CommUnity Closet in October. The Closet is an effort by 6 local UU churches (the Five Point Cluster) to distribute clothes to needy people in Brockton. It is based at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Brockton on West Elm St. Staff will help people find things, distribute bags, restock and clean when possible in 2 ½ hour shifts (9:30AM to noon and 11:30 to 2PM). Helpers generally find the work easy to learn and rewarding. Their shift goes by quickly. We will need at least five volunteers: three in the morning and two in the afternoon. (Donations of new and gently used clothing can be placed in the collection bins in the Vestry.) Please contact Jim Mullin (jrmullin@verizon.net) or Gare Reid if you are interested in volunteering, or if you have questions.

Jim Mullin

Transgender Rights Question 3 on the Massachusetts Ballot

In November, Massachusetts will vote YES on 3 to uphold respect and dignity. Here's what you need to know: On Election Day, Massachusetts' voters will face the first-ever statewide popular vote on protections for transgender people from discrimination. The referendum, if it fails, would repeal our state law that protects transgender people from discrimination in public places, including restaurants, stores, and doctors' offices. A "yes" vote on Question 3 keeps the current law as it is. Here is Question 3:

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016? This law adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Such grounds also include race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability, and ancestry. A "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" is defined in existing law as any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, such as hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and hospitals. "Gender identity" is defined as a person's sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation.

A NO VOTE would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law.

For more information and how you can help pass Yes on 3, go to <https://www.freedommassachusetts.org>



September 23: SIA/BIC Education Funding Workshop - Rabbi David Jaffee and Joanne Mickalek - Sharon Interfaith Action and Janet Schmidt - UCS and Sharon Interfaith Action

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, Continued



September 23: SIA/BIC Education Funding Workshop - Beth Hoke talking about teaching students from low-income backgrounds - with Eli Silberzweig -SIA and Michaela Lauture - BIC

Watch Beth Hoke talk about teaching students from low income backgrounds on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/duNM_EHZAUA



September 23: SIA/BIC Education Funding Workshop - Ryan Chasey from Brockton Interfaith Community talks about the need for education funding in Brockton

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 7 October, Coffee Hour – MainSpring House lunch making

Wednesday, 10 October, BIC Community Action Assembly, 7pm, Converge Christian Center, Brockton

Saturday, 13 October, 9:30-2:00pm – CommUnity Closet staffed by UCS, UU Church of Brockton

Sunday, 14 October, Classroom A @ noon – SJC monthly meeting

Brown Envelope Collections:

June 2018 – GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network), \$675.35

Summer 2018 services – UUUM Summer Youth Programs, \$879.23

September 2018 – Partner Church in Gyulakuta, Transylvania, t.b.d.

October 2018 – UUA Disaster Relief Fund

Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry Exciting programs at the UUUM in Roxbury

The UCS has a long-standing history of support for the work of the UUUM, but a spate of new programs being offered there has rekindled interest in expanding our level of participation. Check out their website at www.uuum.org to learn more about what is happening in Roxbury, and stay tuned for more opportunities to join groups from our church to volunteer, socialize and engage in their work.

Ongoing Social Justice opportunities

Here are other ways that you can support the work of social justice: visit the **Social Justice Corner** in the Vestry, following Sunday worship services, where you can buy **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. Five percent of the card's value is donated by the stores and stays with the church to help fund our social justice projects in support of people who experience food and housing insecurity. We also collect non-perishable food items for the local **Food Pantry** in the front Lobby, along with toiletries for the overnight guests of **MainSpring House** homeless shelter in Brockton. Once a month we also assemble 100 bag lunches for MSH. Clothing items for the **CommUnity Closet** are always welcome (drop-off in the Vestry). Don't forget to learn more about our monthly suggested offering for a worthy cause via our **Brown Envelope** donation program, and keep an eye out for our occasional **Do It Now** action requests at Coffee Hour for participatory efforts on a range of topics. Surely there is something related to social justice going on here at church that calls out to you – don't wait, jump right in!

Bean Supper 2018



Conversations
At the Meetinghouse

Impressions of Cuba



ELLEN SCHOENFELD-BEEKS
DAVID SCHOENFELD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018, 7 PM

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SHARON

Ellen and David traveled to Cuba with a small group of Roads Scholar tourists on an educational trip in February 2016. They wanted to see the Cuba of today and not the Cuba of entrepreneurial tomorrow and experience its land, its people and its politics.

The Roads Scholar program did not disappoint. Between the program's guides and the tour's itinerary they learned about the island's gifts, economic woes and tensions running through history and politics.

Join us for Conversations at the Meetinghouse with a slide show on aspects of Cuba that made an impression on them and will inform the audience about the Cuba of today.

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 2018 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Women's Group I. (Closed) 7pm (LIB)	2 Children's Choir 5:30pm (VES) Meditation Group 7pm (LIB) Men's Group 8pm (A)	3 ESL 6pm (LIB) SSC board meeting 7pm (A/B) Book Group 7pm (LIB) Adult Choir 7:30pm (SAN)	4 Personnel Committee 7pm (MIN) Ministerial Search 7:30pm (LIB)	5 Potluck Supper 6pm (VES) Conversations 7pm (AB)	6
7 Adult service 10:30 a.m. Family Service 10:00 a.m. OWL Gr. 5-6 Parent Info Meeting 12pm (AB) OWL 7-8 parent orientation 1pm (B) SSC Movie Night 3pm (AB) Senior Youth Group 5pm (LIB) Al-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB)	8 RE Committee 7pm (LIB) MUG Ukulele Practice 7:30pm (VES)	9 Children's Choir 5:30pm (VES) Meditation Group 7pm (LIB)	10 SSC general meeting 7pm (A/B) Board of Trustees 7:15pm (LIB) Adult Choir 7:30pm (SAN)	11 ESL 6pm (LIB) Ministerial Search 7:30pm (LIB) Women's Group II. 7:30pm (A/B)	12 Movie Night 7pm (A/B)	13 Committee Chairs 9am (VES) Let's Laugh Today 11am (A/B) Circle Supper (OFF)
14 Adult service 10:30 a.m. Family Service 10:00 a.m. Writer's Group 12pm (LIB) SJC monthly meeting 12pm (A) Senior Youth Group 5pm (LIB) Covenant Group II. 7pm (VES) Covenant Group II. 7pm (VES) Al-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB)	15 Women's Group I. (Closed) 7pm (LIB)	16 Children's Choir 5:30pm (VES) Meditation Group 7pm (LIB) Men's Group 8pm (A)	17 Caring Committee (Closed) 7pm (MIN) Adult Choir 7:30pm (SAN)	18 ESL 6pm (LIB) Ministerial Search 7:30pm (LIB)	19	20 Dan Huse Memorial Service 2pm (SAN, A/B, VES) Not Just Another Coffee House 7pm (VES)
21 Adult service 10:30 a.m. Family Service 10:00 a.m. Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop 12pm (AB) Senior Youth Group 5pm (LIB) Covenant Group II. 7pm (VES) Al-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB)	22 MUG Ukulele Practice 7:30pm (VES)	23 Children's Choir 5:30pm (VES) Meditation Group 7pm (LIB) SSC Movie Night 7pm (AB)	24 Endowment Committee 7pm (LIB) Adult Choir 7:30pm (SAN)	25 ESL 6pm (LIB) Ministerial Search 7:30pm (LIB) Women's Group II. 7:30pm (A/B)	26 Chalice DEADLINE Art from the Heart 7pm (VES)	27
28 Adult service 10:30 a.m. Family Service 10:00 a.m. Senior Youth Group 5pm (LIB) Al-Anon Meeting 7:15pm (LIB) Seeing White 7:30pm (NUR)	29	30 Children's Choir 5:30pm (VES) Meditation Group 7pm (LIB)	31 Adult Choir 7:30pm (SAN)			

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