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**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

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JULY AND AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

10:15 am Service

The theme for the summer services is: Defining One's Purpose. Each service will include a time of congregational sharing and Mel Springer will be providing service music. A time of fellowship will follow each service. Please note childcare is NOT provided. The new church year will start with an intergenerational service on Sunday September 8th at 10:15am, led by the new minister Rev. Jolie Olivetti.

Date	Speakers	Topic	Worship Coordinator
June 23	Jean Fox	Defining One's Purpose	Jean Fox
	Mare Parker-O'Toole	Purpose & Long Life	
June 30	Meg Dussault	Living While We're Dying	Meg Dussault
July 7	Kate Barber	The Color of My Face	Beth Hoke
July 14	Kim Miller	Justice and Equity	Laurie Wallace
July 21	Barbara Rose	Defining One's Purpose	Barbara Rose
	Louise Chereski	Becoming	
July 28	Janet Limke	Defining One's Purpose	Jean Fox
	TBD	TBD	
August 4	Gare Reid	Walking for Justice	Brad Larson
	Jean Zaniewski	Defining One's Purpose	
August 11	Steve and Teresa Tapper	Meditation	Valerie White
August 18	Rummi and Shyak Saha, Susan Edinger	Peace Walk	TBD
August 25	Karin Hendricks and Tawnya Smith	Attuning to Self, Community and the Earth	Barbara Rose
September 1	Mel and Alice Springer	Trying to Make a Difference	Jean Fox

From the Minister



Here we are, nearing the end of June, and it's amazing to think that two years of Interim Time have almost gone by!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for a most gracious and wonderful send-off on Sunday, July 16th! Your gifts of

those two gorgeous and creative stoles, the lovely memory book, and the beautiful flowers were so thoughtful and generous, and I shall carry them - and the good wishes they embody - with me into my next ministry!

From now through July 31st, I will be in and out of the office, but I will not be holding regular office hours. If you'd like to set up a time to meet, the best way to get in touch with me is by email: minister@uusharon.org. I will be out of town June 28 - July 1 and July 20 - 27, but otherwise can be available as needed.

Thank you again for being such wonderful partners during this interim time, and best wishes for an incredible future serving the values of Unitarian Universalism in a world that is hurting and in such need of more love, more kindness, more justice, and more peace.

In faith,
Rev. Wendy

From the President



I hope everyone enjoys their summer! I am looking forward to welcoming our new minister, Jolie Olivetti, in August and beginning to work with our new board members.

Our Board of Trustees for 2019- 2020:

President	Susan Olson Drisko
Vice President	Brenda Wilbur
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Trustee	Glenn Rivard
Trustee	Barbara Rose

Thank you Wendy Bell for your service as our interim minister! Thank you Chuck Boardman, Paul Tuck and Janet Schmidt for your service on the Board. See you in the fall!

Susan Olson Drisko
President

Save the Date



Please mark your calendar for our annual **Potluck Bean Supper** on **Saturday, September 7 from 5-7** on the Church Green. This is a long-standing tradition marking the beginning of a new church year to welcome our

loving congregation (*and this year- a new Minister*). It is also an opportunity to bring the larger community together as it is open, once again, to the general public. So spread the word, bring your family and friends!

You can make your favorite bean dish/chili/casserole or if you'd rather bake- go ahead and whip up a tasty treat of brownies/preferred dessert or that winning bread of yours.

However, if you do not want to toil over a hot stove,

you can donate hot dogs, buns, drinks, ice-cream, condiments or a chopped salad of your choice.

A donation of \$7.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child is being suggested.

Please be on the lookout for **Food & Help sign-ups** via email and/or in writing. Any questions please email Ken Zaniewski at zaniew@verizon.net or Rumni Saha at rumni.saha@gmail.com.

Also, please remember that this is a BYOB event (B=Bowl, not bubbly).

Your commitment to this beloved Church event and efforts to make this a **Green** Bean Supper is much-appreciated!

Submitted by Rumni Saha

Buildings & Grounds

Many people help to maintain our building and grounds. On May 11, four stalwarts helped to keep our grounds beautiful. Thank you to Beth and Rory McGregor, Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks and Paul Tuck for a good morning's work.

The church has a contract with a refuse firm to empty our dumpster once a month. This service does not include recycling; but we do recycle, thanks to some dedicated volunteers. Every week, blue recycling containers are taken home and their contents added to individuals' home recycling bins. We thank them, and encourage you to join this band of elves who make sure we live up to our environmental principles.

As these examples illustrate, you don't need to join B&G to help maintain the church's building and grounds. (Though our meetings are great fun!) We have several tasks that could be done by occasional volunteers. Could you check the light fixtures once a month, replacing any bulbs as needed? How about keeping the stairwells free of leaves and drains open? Or check the folding chairs for those that need new plastic caps on the legs? Let me know if you could help on your own schedule with a specific job.

But if you DO want to join the B&G team, you will be very welcome. We are happy to welcome new members Nolan Howard and Lili Taylor, who will be coordinating youth volunteers. (Thanks also to Rory for his recruitment skills.)

Tutorials available:

There are three steps to activate or deactivate the automatic door opener, and it's important to do all three in the correct sequence to avoid damaging the mechanism. Directions are on the wall next to the On-Off switch, but any B&G member will be happy to provide a demonstration.

It is equally important to open and close the folding wall between Rooms A and B correctly. The folding wall can be easily damaged if not done right. Gare Reid will be happy to show you how to do this. It's easy, but please don't try unless you've had a quick lesson with him.

Lindsay Drisko, B&G Chair

Small, manageable, meaningful...

Already busy at church but wishing for some small, manageable way either to support the RE program or to connect with children and youth?

Check out the RE Team! This online list of one-off volunteer opportunities may include the perfect job for you. Whether you are handy with a table saw or would like to drive the Senior Youth Group to Rosie's Place, you are likely to find something that interests you and fits your schedule. Click on this link: [RE Team Occasional Jobs](#)

Submitted by Louise Marcoux

REcyclers Alert

Please set aside the following items for the RE program:

- Shoeboxes
- Flat styrofoam sheets (furniture packing material)

Your donations can be dropped off in Program C after July 20.



Office Manager

Summer hours for the Office Manager

The Office Manager, Linda Cveckova, will be out of the office until 5th August 2019. In her absence please contact:

- Susan Allison for any finance related queries
- Colleen Tuck for any rental related queries
- Or leave her an email or message and she will get back to you upon her return.

Upon her return she will work limited hours in August on as needed basis. The best way to reach Linda is to email her at admin@uusharon.org.

Religious Education News

Gathering Summer Things



Children entering grades 1-4 are encouraged to get a shoe box and collect natural items over the summer and to bring that collection to church in late September. Materials that have been brought to church in the past include: Rocks/stones/pebbles, sticks, acorns, nuts, hard seed pods, fluffy seeds, leaves, vines, moss, dirt, sand, shells. This fall we'll spend a couple weeks building fairy houses with the materials we gathered. For more information about fairy houses, click here: [Mackworth Island Fairy House Community](#)

We need your photos!

Do you have a great photo of children leading worship or engaged in religious education? Please consider sharing it. Karen MacKinnon will be updating photos in the church website. Don't worry, she will make sure that we have photo permissions before posting. Please send photos to Sharon.uu.dre@gmail.com or reassitant21@gmail.com.

Volunteer Jobs for Kids

Would your child enjoy sorting and labeling library books? The DRE is looking for 2-3 young people ages 10-15 to tame the RE Library once and for all – with permanent book-spine labels that will make clear where the books belong. This project will happen in August. Interested? Contact Louise Marcoux.

Contacting Religious Education Staff in the Summer

Louise Marcoux, our director of Religious Education, will be enjoying a mix of professional development at Ferry Beach and annual leave during the month of July. She will be back in the office on August 1. She welcomes your email, calls, and visits in August. August office hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm. Please call or email before coming by, in case she is doing errands or has an off-site meeting.

Our new Youth Coordinator is a 10 month employee. Their first day on the job will be August 26. If you have questions for the youth coordinator over the summer, please send them to Sharon.uu.yc@gmail.com.

Karen MacKinnon, our Religious Education Assistant, is a 10 month employee. Her last day in June was June 20. She returns to work on August 21. Karen will be available in the RE office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

YOUTH GROUPS

Senior & Junior Youth Groups

We wish all of our youth and families a relaxing and fun summer break! SYG and JYFG will resume in the fall with new faces and more fun activities!



You can mark your calendars now for the Cedar Hill Youth Retreat which is booked for the first weekend of October, 2019. Junior Youth will be overnight Friday to Saturday (Oct 4th-5th), and Senior Youth will be overnight Saturday to Sunday (Oct 5th-6th).

Watch for Youth Programs news in the fall about kick-off dates for both Senior Youth Group and Junior Youth Fellowship Group.

Chelsea Stepping Down as Youth Coordinator

Thank you to all of the wonderful Senior and Junior youth and families who I have enjoyed spending time with and getting to know through the role of Youth Coordinator these past two years! I am stepping down from this position to allow more balance in my life with work and family, but I hope to continue supporting youth programs as a volunteer.

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 Louise Marcoux, DRE at dre@uusharon.org

If you have an interest in supporting our youth programming, please consider volunteering as a Youth Advisor for Senior Youth Group or chaperone for Junior Youth Fellowship Group activities! We are always looking for extra folks, and we have a fantastic group of vibrant youth who are just the most lovely people to get to know.

RE Volunteer Orientation

Orientation for teachers working with children in grades 1-8 will be held on **Thursday, August 29**, from 7 to 8:45 pm.

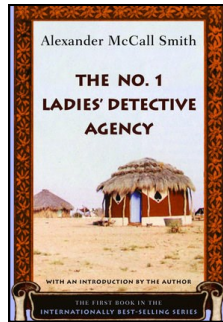
Members of the preschool-Kindergarten team are encouraged to check their email for first the invitation to a doodle scheduling poll and then the invitation to the meeting we've agreed upon.

Summer Programs

Book Group – In August we will read the first book in The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, by Alexander McCall Smith. Set in Botswana, it features Motswana Mma Precious Ramotswe.

We're going to take a break for September, and will meet again in October.

You are always welcome to join us (7pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month), whether or not you've finished the book.



Let's Laugh Today— LET'S LAUGH TODAY in Sharon is on Saturday, July 13th

What a great way to start the weekend! Bring the whole family and get your giggle on by attending a FREE laughter session in Program Room A/B of The Unitarian Church of Sharon, 4 North Main Street from 11am to noon on Saturday, July 13th. 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. You can sit or stand. There are no postures or poses. There will be special guests this month from a new training group! Please bring your water bottle because laughing can be dehydrating. Led by Certified Laughter Yoga Master Trainers, Linda and Bill Hamaker. If you have any questions, just call them at 508-660-2223 or e-mail 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. There will be not be a meeting in August.

Porch Fest: UCS Member Paige Davis is organizing Sharon's first-ever Porchfest! Porchfests are events where musicians and other artists perform on private porches, yards or driveways for an afternoon of music. Audiences stroll from street to street, taking in the local sounds. The event makes the community stronger because neighbors get to know each other as people. Sharon Porchfest will take place on Sunday, September 8 from 1-5pm at 8-10 houses in the center of town. We are still looking for some more performers, sign up at www.sharonporchfest.com.

Summer fridge clear-out and Lost and Found

Please note, at the beginning of July, all but Main-spring House lunch supplies will be discarded from the church refrigerator, in preparation for a thorough cleaning. If you would like to take anything home, please do it as soon as possible.

Also please look through the contents of the Lost and Found box as well as Lost and Found valuables in the basket on the counter in the office. Anything not claimed by August 5th will either be donated to the Community Closet or discarded.

To see the lost and found items in more detail please click here:

https://www.uusharon.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/IMG_1607.jpg

Linda Cveckova, Office Manager



Are you receiving regular UCS emails and information?

All the members and friends should be getting monthly newsletters and periodic announcements.

If you are not getting the monthly newsletters and other communication, please subscribe using <https://www.uusharon.org/keep-in-touch/email-lists/announcements-subscription/> or reach out to Linda Cveckova at admin@uusharon.org.

If you are already subscribed, the page will inform them of that fact.

If you want to unsubscribe, there is a link you can use to do so at the bottom of their newsletter email.

Any questions, please email Linda Cveckova at admin@uusharon.org.

Submitted by Jeff Rose, IT Chair and Linda Cveckova, Office Manager

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



A Message and a Thank You from the Social Justice Committee, as expressed by Elizabeth Siftar

We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separateness.

Thich Nhat Hanh

Social justice work can strengthen and enlarge a congregation. It can build community, nourish the spiritual life of members, and shape public opinion and policy. We at the Unitarian Church of Sharon have had a busy and significant year in working for justice through numerous pathways - immigration, legislative advocacy, climate and environmental justice, racial justice, networking with other UU congregations and in the community, sermons, small groups, vigils, reflection and study. Our numbers of active social justice participants has grown, with members of our children, youth and young adult groups participating in direct action. It has been, quite frankly, exciting! But, as we end this church year, I am feeling a great need to understand better how we can continue the work with greater understanding, vision, commitment and energy, as well as with open minds and hearts. So, I am sharing some of the questions that are in my heart and asking that we as a congregation take some time to think about how we might answer the questions individually and as a congregation. In the fall, we will ask these questions again. Perhaps our answers will remain the same, or perhaps they will be different. But, as in all things involving growth, questions can be the foundation for forward movement.

Questions for Reflection -

How might our congregation be a beacon of UU values for the larger world?

How do we understand suffering, oppression, and injustice in the light of our faith?

How does our faith ground us in social justice, theologically, historically, and through spiritual practices

How does our faith hold brokenness, injustice, suffering?

How do we develop prophetic voice?

How do we create prophetic congregations?

How do we mend a broken world?

It has been a busy and significant year at the Unitarian Church of Sharon as we have worked together for justice long numerous pathways. The Social Justice Committee thanks you for all that you do and all that you give to mend a broken world. Together, we are making a difference.

Enjoy a summer of rest, peace and joy!

Elizabeth Siftar (& Gare Reid), co-chairs
Social Justice Committee



May 12, 2019: USC members walk with homicide survivors in Dorchester - our partner - Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



Gathering for the Pride Celebration Service at Arlington Street Church before the Boston Pride Parade

Brown Envelope donations:

For all of June, our Brown Envelope collection has been taken to further the work of GLSEN. The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (glSEN.org) is dedicated to ensuring that every member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

During our lay-led services in July and August, including Labor Day weekend, the Brown Envelope collections will support the Summer Youth Programs of the UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury (UUUM.org).

Green Tips from the last month:

June 2nd : While the best alternative to disposable plastic straws is to avoid using straws, if you want to enjoy a straw from time to time, you can easily purchase a reusable straw made out of steel, glass or bamboo.



June 9th: Did you know you can offset the carbon produced from air travel? Flying dramatically increases our individual carbon footprint so offsetting it through airline-sponsored programs (<https://thepointsguy.com/guide/a-guide-to-airline-carbon-offset-programs/>) or non-profit organizations (<https://carbonfund.org>, <https://trees.org/carboncalculator/>) can make a difference.

June 16th: Did you know that the pollution from car exhaust has been linked with an increase in asthma and mental health issues, especially in children? Please don't idle your car, especially in places where children are present. Or, consider if an electric vehicle would work for you when it is time to purchase your next vehicle.

Summer 2019: Did you know that on hot summer days our energy use peaks, causing electric companies to fire up the most expensive and dirtiest means to create energy to cover the demand? Consider running appliances during off-peak hours to help curb demand, and sign up for Shave the Peak <https://www.greenenergyconsumers.org/shavethepeak> for alerts and ways to conserve.

If you have comments or suggestions for Green Tips please contact Tawnya Smith at create-forpeace@gmail.com



PROUDLY gathered inside Arlington Street Church – and look who's in the pulpit!

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, continues



Our Celebration on Rainbow Sunday



Mia Joiner-Moore and Rev Wendy Bell share their reflections on Rainbow Sunday

Ongoing Social Justice opportunities

There are many ways that you can support our work for 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 as Shopping for Justice supermarket gift cards in various denominations for Shaw's, 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).

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, continues

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 7 July – MainSpring House lunch making, Vestry, following the service

Wednesday, 10 July – Program: 200 Years of Immigration in 45 Minutes, 7:30pm, classroom A/B

Thursday, 1 August – Rev. Jolie Olivette's first day

Sunday, 4 August – MainSpring House lunch making, Vestry, following the service

Saturday, 10 August – CommUnity Closet, Brockton, 9am-1pm; UCS's turn to host and staff

Community Closet

Volunteers needed August 10th, October 12th

The CC is a free clothing distribution program in Brockton that Sharon and several other nearby churches run. Our church will be staffing it on the above dates, and I need 3 volunteers from either 9:45 – noon or 11:30 to 1:15 each day. It's a busy but relatively straight-forward time helping local people that could use a little help. Please see Jim Mullin or Gare Reid if interested

200 Years of Immigration in 45 Minutes

The SJC invites you to attend: "200 Years of Immigration in 45 Minutes" presented by Victor Aronow, from Tempe, AZ on Wednesday, **July 10th** from 7:30-8:45pm, Program Room A/B.

Mr. Aronow's background has provided him with extensive knowledge about, and experience with, immigration issues. He has been a criminal defense and civil rights attorney, has taught ESL, and is currently a member of "Refugee Aid." In addition to reviewing the political history of US immigration from James Monroe to Stephen Miller, Mr. Aronow will also address the issue of whether a border crisis actually exists today. He will end the evening sharing some ways to take action and answering questions from the audience. Join us for what should be an interesting and informative evening. Beverages and dessert will be offered.

BIC

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Brockton Interfaith Community

School of Prophetic Action

BIC's School of Prophetic Action is a faith based community organizing and leadership development training, centering leaders in their own calling to step up and do something about the world as it is today, and to create the world as we would like it to be, together. Join us this July for this accelerated course.

Module 1: The First Revolution is Internal (6:30-8:30pm)
 Monday July 1st, Wednesday July 3rd
 Monday July 8th, Wednesday July 10th

Module 2: Power Analysis (6:30-8:30pm)
 Monday July 15th, Wednesday July 18th
 Monday July 22nd, Wednesday July 24th

1350 Pleasant Street Brockton MA

Email bic@brocktoninterfaith.org to sign up, or call the office 508-587-9550

CALENDAR

To view the July and August calendar or to reserve a meeting space please go to

<http://www.uusharon.org/calendars/month/>



Rumni's Indian Cooking Class at First Parish in Stoughton - May 2019



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