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News & Views

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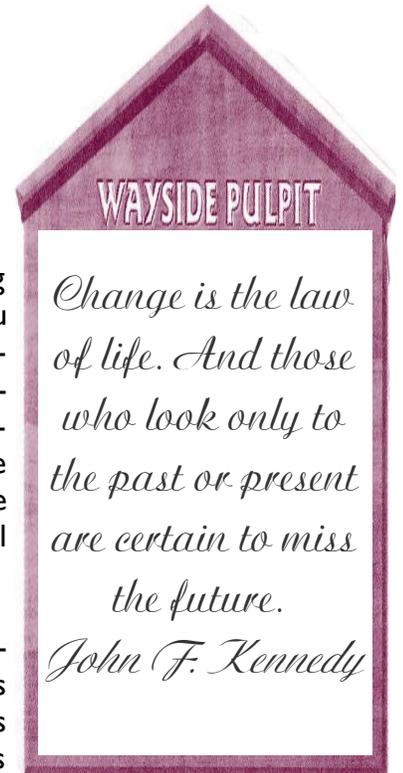
Greetings everyone! It's hard to believe that the summer is slipping quickly away into fall and the new church year is upon us already. As most of you know by now, summer has brought great changes here at First UUNB. Our minister, Paul Langston-Daley has resigned and I will be stepping into the role of Coordinator of Ministerial Services as a ministerial internship toward my M.Div. degree. In essence, I'm not a minister yet, but I will closely resemble one for the purposes of leading this congregation. My office hours, beginning Sept. 6, will be Tues, Wed., and Thurs. 10 to 1, but appointments can be made for pastoral counseling, etc., at any time Monday-Thursday.

I'm very excited about the services this year. We begin with our Ingathering/Water Service on Sept. 13. This is an intergenerational service, so the kids will be in the sanctuary with us. Yasmin and I are planning a new format for this service, tying in to Rosh Hashanah, which falls on the same day and also includes using water. If everyone could bring some water from a special place with them, we will be mixing it all together in what I'm calling "An Ocean of Ideas." More on that later; suffice it to say this will not be the same old Ingathering!

Part of my job will be to inspire you to participate in something called Shared Ministry. I'm hoping this will give us all a new vision for our future: one of strong self-governance, spiritually satisfying programming, and pastoral teamwork that will embrace and support each other, as our covenant bids us to do. There will be a service dedicated to this topic on Sept. 20 and a Q & A afterward in the Green Room.

The last Sunday in September, 9/27, we begin exploring the theme of the year, which is "The Hero's Journey." The RE kids will also be learning about this topic this year and it's a unique opportunity to tie what happens in the RE space and what happens in the sanctuary together. There will be movie nights, storytelling, and kid's theater to participate in, historical heroes and world mythologies to explore, and much more. I'm looking forward to a productive and progressive year, with your help and support.

See you on Sundays!
-Karen



Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

John F. Kennedy

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SUMMER CONTACT INFO

In case of emergency during the summer, please call the office (508-994-9686) or Karen Andersen (508-441-9344).



RE NEWS-WAY COOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

- September 6 Open House/Way Cool Registration
- September 10 AHA Festa, Fiesta, Fete:
Celebrate New Bedford Cultures
Church open for Tours 5-7pm
- September 13 Water Communion/In-Gathering Potluck
Rosh Hashanah/Grandfriends Day
- September 20 Way Cool Sunday School Orientation I
- September 27 Way Cool Sunday School Orientation II

In honor of Grandfriends Day: Two Wolves

A Cherokee elder sitting with his grandchildren told them, "In every life there is a terrible fight – a fight between two wolves. One is evil: he is fear, anger, envy, greed, arrogance, self-pity, resentment, and deceit. The other is good: joy, serenity, humility, confidence, generosity, truth, gentleness, and compassion." A child asked, "Grandfather, which wolf will win?" The elder looked him in the eye. "The one you feed."

Lesson: Development of good character depends on everyday choices one makes.

This year brings change! We are in the process of adding some new amazing teachers to the staff and creating a Preschool-K, 1st -3rd and 4th-8th grade classrooms in addition to UUnited youth group for high school students. We can't wait to share all the fun opportunities ahead this year!

We are excited to see all at our Orientation Sessions outlining our program and policies. Thank you in advance for all that you do for the children and each other! Peace and Happy Back to School!

Water Communion: A Homecoming & Ingathering Ceremony By Beverly Tricco {DRE Old Ship Church, Hingham}

On our first day back at church we have a water-communion ceremony*...all of us together. People bring water from places that are special to them; from places they visited over the summer or from their favorite swimming spot...or from their own kitchen faucet. We bring water in bottles or jars. Our separate water mixes together in our one bowl, and symbolizes our shared Unitarian Universalist faith coming together from many different sources. There is something special about Water Communion. A mix of old and new... Coming back together with old friends, lighting the chalice like we always do... singing songs by heart... Starting a new church year...with all of us older or taller...Meeting new people, feeling ready for new adventures and fresh BEGINNINGS.

**The first Water Communion happened in November of 1980, in East Lansing, Michigan. Lucile Schuck Longview and Carolyn McDade created a new ritual for the "Women and Religion Convocation on Feminist Theology."*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

House and Grounds
Richard Pline

Committee on Ministry
Fred Gifun

Endowment
Carlton Dasent

Soup Kitchen Coordinator
Dave Thoen

Food Pantry
Maggi Kerr Peirce

Thrift Shop
Bill Bennett

Choir
Katie Driscoll

Social Justice
Rick Finneran

Music
Carol Kolek

Women's Alliance
Pam Sherman



OFFICE HOURS

The Church office will return to regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am-1pm) on September 2nd.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 12:30
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?**

Those of us who are growing older or have aging parents or grandparents (in short all of us) cannot help but occasionally think of end-of-life issues. This is a particularly difficult subject when people find themselves, or a family member, with a prolonged illness such as dementia or progressive neurological disease.

Last fall members and friends began gathering once a month to share thoughts and information on a variety of related topics. Please grab a bite at Coffee Hour and join us in the conversation.

Mary Beth Dowd, Carol Kolek & Marsha McCabe

FAIRHAVEN UU CHURCH TO SHOW DVD

An excellent video taping of Jeffrey D. Clements' speech and follow-up questions at Endicott College titled "**Corporations are not People**", will be shown from 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. in the Auditorium at the Fairhaven UU Church (on Green Street in Fairhaven) on two days: Friday, September 18th and Friday, September 25th. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

WE NEED A DIGITAL SHUTTERBUG!

We're looking for someone who has a decent digital camera (and a computer with the right software) to take pictures of our members for this year's membership booklet. Someone who is computer-savvy, good at formatting, and comes to church often would be very helpful. We've talked about this for years and even had some photos taken, but it all somehow fell apart before publication. It would be really nice to put names to faces, so let's get this done! Let Karen know if you're interested.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop welcomes two new volunteers—Cynthia Brenner and Sherry Hamel—both members of this church. Cynthia will be working with Linda Correia, our "wonder woman" who has volunteered for several years and has recently joined the church, in the Women's Clothing Room. Cynthia has created a Boutique section and is doing clothing displays. Sherry has organized the Book Room and will continue in that role. We also want to acknowledge the continued help of Brad, who keeps the Men's Clothing Room organized and is always willing to help in any other capacity.

The Thrift Shop Staff: Bill, Donald, Brownie & Pam

Hours: Wed 9am-1pm, Thu 1-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm

HARVEST FAIR

The Harvest Fair is going to be held on Saturday, October 17 in the front of the church and in the garden. We will be serving lunch in the garden and we will have seasonal games for the children, thrift shop table with seasonal items, informational tables about the life of the church and the religious education program, seasonal wreaths, centerpieces and the like, items for sale, a bake table with seasonal items, apples, pumpkins and other food vendors with items for sale. We will also have tours of the church and labyrinth walks. We will be decorating the front of the church with corn stocks, hay bales, pumpkins and mums. We will pray that it doesn't rain but if it does we will move inside. A rain date was discussed and is not possible.

The purpose of the fair is twofold; to open up the church gates and get the community in and hopefully to raise a little money. We welcome anyone's help and suggestions.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 3 at 6:30 PM at Lynn Whitney's house. Please email Lynn at lynnwhitney17@yahoo.com if you're interested or you can reach her at her office 508-996-8297.



JOB OPENING:

We are currently seeking a Wedding Facilities Coordinator. We are looking for someone dynamic and cheerful who will help build our wedding program! We have a beautiful venue and we'd love to see it utilized for more weddings!

The Wedding Facilities Coordinator is paid a stipend for each wedding that is booked at First Unitarian. For more information, please call the office at 508-994-9686.

NEWS & EVENTS

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

At its June Annual Meeting, the Women's Alliance voted to reduce the number of meetings held during the year to the September, December and June meetings. The September meeting will be held on **Tuesday the 8th at 11:30am**, followed by a brown bag lunch (beverage and dessert will be provided by our hostess). The 1pm program will be "**a Conversation With Karen Andersen**", our new Co-ordinator of Ministerial Services. The meeting, lunch and program are open to all members and friends of the church. This is an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the Shared Ministry the church has embarked on with Karen.

The Purpose of the Alliance is to:

- Promote the work and interests of the church and community.
- Provide occasions for members to meet for fellowship and the sharing of their common concerns.

Any woman who accepts the purpose of the Alliance and indicates a willingness to participate, may become a member. Annual dues are \$10 and are payable now.

As a footnote, I would like to report that the Women's Alliance awarded two \$200 camperships which helped four of our church school members attend camps of their choosing this summer.

Pam Sherman, President

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

President
Judy Lund

Vice President
Crystal Lubinsky

Cora Peirce
Kerri Cummins
Cecelia Weeks
Jorge Pereira
Jan Baptist

Clerk—Richard Pline

Treasurer—Ned Lund

First Unitarian Thrift

71 Eighth Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

hours:

Wednesdays 9:00am-1pm

Thursday 1-4pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

"Come and find what you didn't know you needed!"

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To:

~Danny Bilodeau 9/1~ Dave Thoen 9/9~ Ken Peirce 9/10~

~Sophia Peirce 9/14~ Steve Leon 9/16~ Elmo Ravello 9/21~

~Claudette Blake 9/22~ Amanda Clark 9/23~ James McIlroy 9/25~

~Dylan Andersen 9/28~ Jan Andersen 9/28

CONTINUING EVENTS

Mondays at 5:30pm: Tai Chi — Meets in the Green Room. Free. No meetings on Monday holidays.

Mondays at 7:15pm: UU Choir Rehearsal—meets in the music room.

First & Third Mondays of each month at 7:00pm: Pride Café—Meets in the Parish House.

Second Tuesday of the month at 12:00pm: Women's Alliance Meeting in the Parish House (unless otherwise stated). (No meeting in January, February, and March.)

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm: Board of Trustees meeting. Meets in the Historic Room.

Tuesdays (September-December & January to May—weather permitting) at 9:30am: Quilting Group—Meets in the Parish House. Come and join the fun, even if you're not a quilter.

Fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Social Justice Committee — Meets in the Historic Room

Third Saturday and/or Sunday of the month: Dinners for Eight.

CHURCH STAFF

Karen Andersen,
Coordinator of Ministerial
Services

Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent,
Director of Religious Ed

Randy Fayan,
Music Director

Linda Fredette,
Church Administrator

Tony Gonsalves, Sexton

Vikki McMaster,
Bookkeeper

Arthur Green,
Sunday Sexton



September 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 11am Summer Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	31 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	Sept 1 7pm GNB Choral Society Rehearsal (Gr)	2 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	3 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm CUUPS Waning Moon (Gr)	4	5 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
6 11am Summer Service (S) RE Open House/Way Cool Registration (T) 12pm Social Hour (P)	7 7pm Pride Café (Gr) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S) OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	8 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 11:30am Women's Alliance Mtg (P) 6:30 Board of Trustees Mtg (Gr) 7pm GNB Choral Society Rehearsal (Gr)	9 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	10 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Gr) 5-7 AHA! Night FESTIVE FOOTSTOOLS! Labyrinth &	11 	12 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
13 11am Water In-gathering Service (S) 12pm Potluck Picnic (P) 	14 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	15 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 7pm GNB Choral Society Rehearsal (Gr)	16 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	17 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Gr)	18 	19 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
20 11am Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour (P)	21 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (Gr) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	22 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 7pm GNB Choral Society Rehearsal (Gr)	23 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr) 	24 1-4pm Thrift Shop 6:30 Social Justice (S) 7pm Mabon Potluck (Gr)	25 September Newsletter Submission Deadline	26 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
27 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P) 12:30pm What's Your Plan (T)	28 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) 6pm Women's Council Mtg (P) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	29 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 7pm GNB Choral Society Rehearsal (Gr)	30 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	Oct 1 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Gr)	2 5pm Wedding rehearsal (S)	3 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 3pm Wedding (S)

= private/non-church related event

**Green Room(Gr), Dining Room(D),
Sanctuary(S), Parish House(P),
Tryworks Auditorium(T), History Room(H)**



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**~SAVE THE DATE ~
ORGAN RECITAL**

Our music director, Randy
Fayan, will give an Organ
Recital at 3pm on Novem-
ber 8, 2015. Please mark
your calendars!

POTLUCK PICNIC

We are getting ready for the new Fall Season here at First Unitarian and we've got some wonderful events planned! First up is our **Water Service Ingathering at 11am on Sunday, September 13th**. Please bring a small amount of water with you that represents something about your summer. Perhaps some water from your favorite beach or a pool that you enjoyed, water from your hose or rain barrel if you spent the summer gardening, water from a pond, lake or river that you visited...whatever you think best represents how you spent your summer. After service, we'll have a **Potluck Picnic** in our beautiful garden (weather permitting). Please bring some "picnic" food to share with our congregation if you are able. (Generally, we ask that you bring enough for 8-10 servings. Feel free to bring more if you can!) Sandwiches, fried chicken, chips, pasta salad, garden salad, watermelon and desserts are just a few examples, but please bring whatever you like. We will provide beverages and paper plates, cups, utensils, etc.

We are really looking forward to see everyone on Sunday, September 13th!

COME SING A SONG WITH US!

The First Unitarian Church Choir is looking for singers! All skill levels are welcome. The choir rehearses on Monday evenings from 7:15-9:15 PM at the church. The only requirements are that you want to sing and are willing to attend weekly rehearsals and scheduled performance dates. Membership in the choir is open to ALL, not only church members. Contact director Katie Driscoll with questions klbrenge@gmail.com or 508-536-8549.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The "News & Views" goes to print on the third or fourth Tuesday of each month. **The deadline to submit articles into the newsletter is the Friday before it goes to print.** All submissions are reviewed by the editor for content and grammar. **Next "News and Views": September 29, 2015.**