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COMING IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY

An exciting fundraiser for UUMH run completely online. The event will be publicized along with directions on how to bid on the wonderful items. We are planning on a week of bidding at the end of April or beginning of May.

Please start thinking about what you could donate to be auctioned off.

Here are some ideas—you are welcome to be creative!

ACTIVITIES: Sail and a picnic lunch—4-wheel drive on the beach—a guided walk—Tickets to the theater or movies or special restaurant—a Seal watch—Canoeing on a local pond—Knitting lessons—Symphony tickets

FOOD: Soup once a month for a year—Bread once a month for a year—Pie once a month for a year—Bridge luncheon—Wine tasting

SERVICES: Landscaping—Painting a room—Yardwork—Housecleaning—Picture framing—Sewing—Photography—Pet care—Massage—Computer help

THINGS OF VALUE: Antiques—Musical instruments—Furniture—Estate Jewelry—Art—Pottery

GIFT CARDS: Restaurants—Special shops—Movies—Candy Shop

SPECIAL ITEMS: Membership to Chatham Historical Society or Cape Cod Natural History Museum—Private tour of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY—A week or weekend at your cottage—A night at a local inn—A Teen basket—A Dog's basket

Anything you love to do or love to experience might become a special auction item. Perhaps your friends or family members have something they are willing to offer (See Cooperstown!) The above are suggestions—your imagination and generosity are both welcome to work overtime!

Start thinking of family or friends and neighbors you can invite to join in. One plus of a virtual auction is the ability of anyone to join in the excitement!

More info and suggestions to come. Please be in touch with Sue Bauer if you have questions, suggestions, would like to help. Thanks!

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VISION STATEMENT

We, the members and friends of the UUMH, strive:

To apply UU principles in our daily living, social actions, and community service;

To nurture a safe community that encourages intellectual, spiritual, and religious freedom and celebrates all the passages of life;

To welcome diversity and pluralism as essential for our connection with all humanity;

To provide fellowship, friendship, and fun, and to support a creative artistic and musical environment;

To sustain and promote a vital religious and spiritual lifespan education program.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

February 7 Triggered Rev. Tracy Johnson

Do words mean too much to us?

February 14 The Side of Love UUA Service

February 21 An Outstretched Hand Rev. Tracy Johnson

Universalism, love and boundaries.

February 28 Lent for Religious Liberals in a Time of Pandemic

Rev. Richard Fewkes

WHO'S PREACHING THIS MONTH

Dick Fewkes has served three churches in the Ballou Channing District: First UU Society in Middleboro (1964-69), First Parish in Norwell, (1969-2000) where he is Minister Emeritus, and as Interim Minister at the First Parish UU Church, Bridgewater, (2000-2002). He resides with his partner Connie Johnson in Sagamore Beach, is a grandfather to eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and is a member of the Meeting House.



Dear Ones, All

I think it is safe to say that there has never been a time quite like this in most of our lives. While we are feeling all the emotions of it and working it through our consciousness as only Unitarian Universalists can do, I hope we have been able to hit the pause button periodically and center ourselves in family, in the season that is presenting itself, in the pursuits we have discovered or perhaps, rediscovered that bring us joy. For me, February is the month of snowy days (if we are to have them here on the Cape!), of perusing seed catalogues and planning gardens, of settling in with a good book or a knitting project and a warm cup of tea. What does it mean to you?

Back in mid-January I introduced the Unitarian Universalist Association's *30 Days of Love* campaign; an annual celebration brought to us by the *Side with Love* component of our wider justice work as a denomination. It is an educational and inspirational resource highlighting the UU response to a call for intersectional racial justice with materials geared toward adults, children, and families. I hope you are following along or that you will do so if you haven't already! The link is in our weekly e-blast. At the core of so much of what we see going on around us is a level of racism that we may not even recognize sometimes. It is insidious, and as people of justice, equity, and compassion we are called to notice it and attend to it in ways that are healing for our world. I encourage you to spend some time in study and reflection this month as we honor African American History Month, extending that to the experience of all Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), to consider our possible complicity over the course of our lives, and to continue our efforts for awareness and change into all the months ahead.

This month your Board of Trustees will hold an Informational Update following Sunday Services on the 7th. The work of this church is alive and well, I keep saying. We have embraced the technology we need to carry on our business and to keep ourselves functioning in the midst of a public health crisis, while looking ahead to the day when this has past, and we can resume our work side by side. I plan to share some of what I have heard about our mission and to encourage continued conversation. There is much to talk about!

Our Committee on Shared Ministry has developed a congregational survey to assess how we are doing during this pandemic, what people's needs are and how they are being met, and what else we might not have thought of. It is in your weekly e-blast and you can just click on the link to the Google document and fill in the blanks. If you need a paper copy, please be in touch with Bonnie Brydges at 508-432-2509. Please complete it by the end of the month. We look forward to hearing from you; to shaping together a ministry that meets UUMH where it is, bearing witness to its journey and claiming its future.

In the quiet of mid-winter, we are in a state of partial dormancy. Like the daffodil bulbs in the yard, we are doing internal work, not visible at the surface. Instead, our roots are making their way deeper and deeper in the earth, becoming more solidly grounded. I invite you to take part in all the opportunities we have to do this work together as we await the warmth of spring, the softening of the ground around us, and our emergence into newness of life.

Blessed be.

Reverend Tracy



WORSHIP SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mary and I would like to thank all the people who came to our Service to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr.. Eric Riley and Pavia made the service more memorable with their wonderful music. We are so fortunate to have such talented musicians in our congregation along with Frank Toppa, who always comes through with appropriate music that enhances our Sunday morning. There over 60 people who turned into the service.

The month of February is a short month with only four Sundays. We start with Tracy in the pulpit. The next Sunday we will have service put together by the UUA in Boston on "The Side of Love" followed again with Tracy. Dick Fewkes will finish off the month.

If any of you would like to read a reading or do any other part of the service please give the Worship Committee a call. If you have winter scenes that can be used as background. Please send them along to dhdolly51@gmail.com.

Dolly



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

We had nearly a dozen visitors at our recent Bring a Friend Sunday service...thank you to everyone! After the service, we had some questions about how to become a member of UUMH. If you have a friend who might be interested in joining, here is a quick look at the pathway to membership.

Join us for services and coffee hours online and explore our website uumh.net to learn more.

Get Involved! One of the best ways to meet people and feel like you belong is to get involved. Even when our meetings are remote, Learning for Life activities provide excellent ways to meet other members.

Engage in New Member orientation discussions with our minister, Rev Tracy Johnson to learn more about this congregation and the Unitarian Universalist tradition.

Sign the Membership Book to become a Voting Member of UUMH.

Join us to be welcomed at New Member Sunday.

Fill Out a Pledge Card.

It's a straightforward process and a meaningful act.

For more information contact Membership co-chairs Dave or Liz Van Wye at lizvanwye@gmail.com.

Trust your hopes, not your fears. (David Mahoney)

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Our Social Justice Committee and Sustainable Practices are co-sponsoring the virtual showing of the award winning documentary 'Like Any Other Kid.' This documentary is the story of incarcerated teens who end up in the Missouri Method, a new way toward rehabilitation. Instead of punishment and solitary confinement, the approach is love and structure.

The Weekly e-blasts will have details on registering. We will schedule a virtual discussion period toward the end of the viewing period. This documentary will be available to view anytime between February 19-28 and is free of charge.

For more information contact Bonnie Brydges 432-2509 or email bbonbry@gmail.com.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is now midway through this year which has been like no other. We have much to be grateful for in the strength of our community, guided and nourished by our pastor, Tracy Johnson. It has been amazing how so many of you have stepped up to help and to give both time and treasure. On Sunday February 7 we are planning an informational meeting after our worship service, and I hope that as many of you as possible will stay for it. Joe Zahka will give us a financial update. Our Building and Grounds Committee have been giving a lot of thought to use of our space and considering green energy. Steve Keenan will present a proposal to install solar panels on our roof. Mary Parsons and Gail Tilton will present a proposal on changing from pews to chairs in the sanctuary in order to have more flexibility in the use of space.

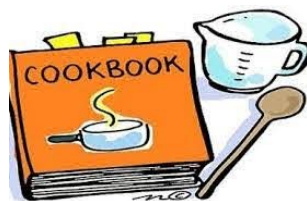
As you can see people have been busy behind the scenes, and February 7 will give you all an opportunity to hear about what has been going on, to ask questions, and to make your concerns known. Clearly we are preparing for the day when we shall be able to meet in the church again, but we need to be patient. The high number of COVID-19 cases in the community and the slow rate of vaccination preclude us from any consideration of re-opening before July 1. In the meantime let us make the most of our online community which has the advantage of enabling some who would not ordinarily be with us to attend every Sunday.

Margaret E Tompsett

President of the Board of Trustees.

Acceptance is the truest kinship with humanity. (GK Chesterton)

Calling All Cooks!!



Meeting House Meals cookbook

Keep those recipes coming!!

Please follow these very important guidelines when you share your recipe.

*Recipe Title

*Submitted By

*INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations

pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

*DIRECTIONS

*NOTE: (No more than 2 sentences.) Why do you like this recipe or suggestion for the best use of the recipe.

New deadline for submitting your recipes is February 28, 2021

Email or mail recipes to Barbara Waters or Mary Parsons
See UUMH Directory for addresses Questions?
Call Mary (508) 432-7194



DIRECTORY CHANGES

Ruth Treen's new address is: The Victorian / 391 Orleans Rd. / No. Chatham MA 02650

Please note that the Conley's address is 82 Grey Neck Rd., NOT 92 which was in the Directory

OPEN MIC CLASSICAL ONLINE

3rd Sunday of each month

Next: Sunday, February 21st, 2021 / 3pm

Sign up is open to classical musicians of all levels and ages

Featured guest in February will be pianist Jared McMurray from Cotuit

Call : 774-353-0244 or email:

openmicclassical@gmail.com

To connect to our Online Zoom Open Mc Classical use our direct link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82666321336?pwd=Z1Q1VGJyZ0ZTZ3FFQ0pEMW92NnRJZz09>

For more information visit our website: <http://www.openmicclassical.org>

THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The Third Monday Book Club will meet February 15 via Zoom at 10:30AM to discuss the book *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. All are welcome to join the group for any or all monthly discussions. Call Mary Parsons (432-7194) for more info and the Zoom link.



PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

February Birthdays

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| 3 | Joyce DeVoe |
| 4 | Cathy Kent |
| 5 | Mary Chesnut |
| 16 | Joanne Arnold |
| 19 | Deborah Ecker |
| 20 | Deb Zahka |
| 25 | Luka Eldredge |
| 25 | Steve Kent |
| 26 | Kathy Nye |
| 27 | Joan Caputo |
| 27 | Barbara Holden |
| 29 | Cheri Armstrong |



February Anniversaries

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| 1 | Betty and Bob Twiss |
| 1 | Liz and Dave Van Wye |
| 2 | Marija and Thadd Eldredge |
| 17 | Anastasia and Bill Conley |



MEDITATION GROUP

Our Meditation group is meeting every Saturday at 9:30 Via Zoom.

Email Gail Tilton at gmtilton@capecod.net or call Joan Konopka at 945-2141 for more info.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

***** Consider mailing a check to the Meeting House each month to cover the amount you would normally place in the Offering bags each Sunday. Thanks.

***** When you send anything to the Meeting House through the mail, please remember that the address must be the Post Office Box, not the street address.

The PO Box is Box 18. .