



The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford

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# News & Views

*August at the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford*

## Summer Lyceum Series 2015 \*SUNDAYS AT 11\* Everyone is Welcome

**Aug 2- Jack Spillane- “Big Media and Little Media: Is Justice on Their Radar Screen Any More?”** Longtime Standard-Times writer, Jack Spillane, talks about the contemporary media and its role as societal watchdog. In an era of mass communication, social media and big money, does the media still stand up for the little guy?

**Aug 9- Cora Peirce- “Justice for our Local Tribes”** Cora honors her Wampanoag ancestry by preserving sacred landscapes and local history, which is often claimed by Federally Recognized Tribes from other parts of Southeastern Massachusetts.

The Reverend Leroy Perry was born on the Fall River Reservation and his daughter Kathitha, have a legacy of history, stories and language to benefit future generations. Cora is writing a book about them called “Pocasset Path”.

**Aug 16- Joe Lopes- “A Conversation with Councilor Joe Lopes”** Councilor Lopes has over ten years of commercial banking experience, and currently works as a Commercial Loan Officer with the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation. He is actively involved in the Greater New Bedford community, and was elected to serve to two term as President of the Board for the Whaling History Alliance, Member of the Save the ORPH Theater, SouthCoast Hospital Business Alliance, Board Member of the Greater New Bedford United Way, Ward Six Democratic Committee, as well as being active in several local community and ethnic groups.

**Aug 23- Adam Sulkowski- “Economic Justice”** As a professor of business law and sustainable development at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Adam Sulkowski specializes in research and teaching in the fields of sustainable business, corporate social responsibility (CSR), triple bottom line reporting (also known as sustainability reporting), integrated reporting, and corporate and environmental law. He received his JD and MBA from Boston College and BA from the College of William & Mary, is a member of the New York Bar and Massachusetts Bar and was a manager for several years before becoming a full-time professor in the fall of 2005. Since then, Prof. Sulkowski has authored over 25 published works of scholarship, including over 15 articles in refereed journals and proceedings, and his research has been cited by MSN, The Times of India, Inc. magazine, and Science Daily. He has visited, researched, taught, and spoken at campuses, companies, and conferences in countries around the world, including Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Turkey, and the United States.

**Aug. 30- Mary Rapoza- “Social Equity and Public Spaces”** Essential to the very philosophy of public parks and recreation is the idea that all people have access to safe, beautiful spaces for recreation and programs. Public spaces build communities, enhances quality of life and promotes co-existence. Mary Rapoza is Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches for the City of New Bedford. She has been interested in public spaces as places where communities meet and recreate and nature is conserved and celebrated.

*Join us after the service for coffee and light refreshments. **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE!!!***

### WAYSIDE PULPIT

*Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.*

*George Bernard Shaw*

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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

- August 2      **Jack Spillane: Justice & Media**  
Child Care Only
- August 9      **Cora Peirce: Justice for our Local Tribes**  
Child Care Only
- August 16     **Joe Lopes: Justice & Community**  
Child Care Only
- August 23     **Adam Sulkowski: Economic Justice**  
Child Care Only
- August 30     **Mary Rapoza: Social Equality & Public Space**  
Child Care Only
- September 6   **Open House**  
NO CHILD CARE
- September 13 **WELCOME BACK**  
**Water Communion**



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- House and Grounds  
Richard Pline
- Religious Services  
Karen Andersen
- Endowment  
Carlton Dasant
- 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

*"The greatest invention in the world is the mind of a child." Thomas Edison*

**Mark your calendars!**  
**Sunday, September 13 at 11am**  
**Welcome Back Water Communion**

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 we know 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.



*It's a cruel season that makes you get ready for bed while it's light out.*  
*Bill Watterson*

*This letter regarding the resignation of Rev. Paul Langston-Daley went out to members and friends on Thursday, July 9th. If you did not receive a letter, below is the contents of the letter.*

July 9, 2015

Dear Members and Friends;

This has been a long and painful past few months for the church family. Rev. Paul Langston-Daley has now tendered his resignation, effective July 31. He will receive severance compensation for 90 days as is required by our bylaws. We wish him well in the future. I hope we can move forward with the healing.

Since we have belonged to the First Unitarian Church, we have seen at more than 10 ministers pass through. We are a church family. We have been through this change many times before. It is a normal process as ministers move on to new congregations. Change is challenging, but it can also be restorative. We can and will all need to pull together to make good things happen. We will work with the denomination to seek guidance and plan for the future.

We have overspent our budget for much too long. We can no longer continue at the same pace and expect to survive. This will probably mean that we will need to go to a part-time ministry for a while, but we have done that before. It will mean that we will need your help to get all the things done that we want to do.

The Trustees will immediately begin the discussion of the next steps. I am talking with the UUA to get their advice on transitions. We have already made a date with an outside consultant to address the issues of administration that were raised under Rev. Paul's administration. We will be ready in September to begin an exciting new church year. We look forward to your participation and help with our new challenges.

Sincerely,  
Judy Lund, President  
Board of Trustees

## **Invitation to the congregation, from the Committee of Five (Fred Gifun, Mario Costa, Carlton Dasent, Crystal Lubinsky, Cecelia Weeks).**

The Board of Trustees recently announced in The Compass of July 15, the formation of a Committee of Five to develop a plan for providing ministerial services for next year.

The sole task of the Committee of Five is to develop a plan for ministerial services during the church year, 2015-2016, and to present the plan as a proposal for consideration by the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 (beginning at 6:30pm). The Committee needs and welcomes the input of members of the congregation in this process. Please contact any member of the Committee for information, or to share your ideas.

Most importantly, the Committee will be available to members for questions and input at an open meeting of the congregation after the Sunday service, on August 2. This will be the main opportunity for members to learn details of the proposed plan for ministerial services, and to offer input and guidance to the Committee in a group setting. In addition, members of the congregation may also attend the formal presentation of the proposal to the Board at its meeting on August 11. As usual, Board meetings are open to all. We hope to see many of you at the open meeting after the Sunday service, on August 2nd.

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Please continue to give as generously as you can. Most needed items include: cereal/oatmeal, canned tuna/meat, canned fruit, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce (no glass jars), cooking oil & cake mixes. Also needed are personal care items such as razors, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner.

### **DID YOU SEE THE SIGN?**

The message board has been moved to the corner where the new plantings and bench are located and it looks great! If you haven't seen it yet, take a minute to stroll over when you can. The whole corner looks fabulous! Many thanks to Mary Rapoza, Nancy Crosby and Rick Finneran for all their work on the garden and the corner. We also need to thank our wonderful sexton, Tony Gonsalves, who moved that sign all by himself! WOW!

A couple of years ago, a car accident destroyed that corner on Union and County, and now, with the effort of so many volunteers, it looks amazing! Thanks to everyone involved in the transformation!

### **IN THE THRIFT SHOP**

**LARGER DONATIONS:** Do you have something you'd like to donate to the Thrift Shop, but it's too big for you to move or the Thrift Shop doesn't have room for it? Let the office know and it will be advertised in the weekly Compass and monthly News & Views. If a church member or friend would like to buy the item, they can contact the seller directly. The sale will take place between the buyer and the seller. The seller will then donate the proceeds to the Thrift Shop and can still receive a donation form for tax purposes.

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

## JOYS & CONCERNS

♥ *We send our deepest sympathies to Cora Peirce, who recently lost her dear companion, John Darwin. John was a sweet man with a big heart and an infectious smile. He left this earth for his next journey on July 9th. Our thoughts and prayers are with John, his friends and family, and especially Cora. He will be sorely missed.*



♥ *Joyce (Simmons) Mickerson passed away peacefully at the age of 81 on July 20th. Joyce was a former employee and member of First Unitarian many years ago. Our condolences to her family and friends.*

### 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



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday To:

~Maggi Peirce 8/1 ~ Edna Thoen 8/1 ~ Destiny Guerrero 8/4 ~  
~ Elliott Civitarese 8/5 ~ Jean Kellaway 8/5 ~ Alyzza May 8/8 ~  
~ Truddi Santos Clark 8/10 ~ Fred Gifun 8/11 ~  
~ EJ Pettenati 8/13 ~ Aniya Guerrero 8/17 ~  
~ Savannah Rochelle 8/25 ~ Theresa Kelly 8/26 ~  
~ Chris Hingston 8/29 ~

### 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!"*

## 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.

**Third Thursday of the month** at 6:30pm. Social Justice Committee — Meets in the Sanctuary.

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

### CHURCH STAFF

Karen Andersen,  
Coordinator of Ministerial  
Services

Yasmin Fleh-Vincent, DRE

Randy Fayan,  
Music Director

Linda Fredette,  
Church Administrator

Tony Gonsalves, Sexton

Vikki McMaster,  
Bookkeeper

Arthur Green,  
Sunday Sexton





# August 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11am Summer Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	27 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	28	29 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	30 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Gr)	31 9am-5pm Eaglesclaw Academy (P)	AUG 1 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
2 11am Summer Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	3 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (Gr) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	4 	5 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	6 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm CUUPS Lamas (Gr)	7 7pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Gr)	8 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
9 11am Summer Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	10 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	11 6:30 Board of Trustees Mtg (Gr)	12 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	13 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Gr)  AHA! Night	14 	15 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
16 11am Summer Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour (P)	17 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (Gr) 7:15 UU Choir Practice (S)	18 	19 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	20 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 6:30 Social Justice (S) 7pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Gr)	21 September Newsletter Submission Deadline	22 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
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Green Room(Gr), Dining Room(D), Kitchen(K), Sanctuary(S), Parish House(P), Tryworks Auditorium(T), History Room(H), Ladies Parlor (LP), Office (O)

 = private/non-church related event



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**~SAVE THE DATE ~  
ORGAN RECITAL**

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

### 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 [klbrengle@gmail.com](mailto:klbrengle@gmail.com) or 508-536-8549.

### 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! The perfect candidate would: attend local Wedding Fairs (or plan to have a wedding fair here), create an attractive wedding brochure to distribute to area businesses, give tours and information to prospective couples, book dates for weddings and rehearsals, maintain the "wedding" page of our website and act as the sexton at each wedding. 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.

### 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": August 21, 2015.**