



The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford

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News & Views

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Summer is approaching and we are going out with a bang! June is going to be a very busy month as we wrap up the regular church year, celebrate our Faith with our [General Assembly](#) (GA) in Providence RI, and welcome The Charles W. Morgan to our harbor.

As the end of the regular church year approaches, we will take the opportunity to reflect on the year with Yasmin preaching for us on June 8th and our final full service on June 15th. The summer should be wonderful with services by many of our summer regulars and a few new folks too. Services as always begin at 11am, though summer services often run about 45 minutes. Coffee hour will continue with Ed at the helm.

On June 29th, we invite everyone to join us for GA Worship Service in the Dunk Center in Providence RI. This will be an opportunity to sing, meditate, learn and worship together with 6000-7000 Unitarian Universalists from all over the world. The service begins at 11:00 am.

Calling upon his experiences in interfaith organizing, the Rev. Mark Stringer, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, IA, will consider what gets in the way of UUs being "a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere" and will inspire us to more often be the religion that reaches out in love. Join thousands for our largest annual worship. With special music by the GA Choir with director Mary Neumann, UU Church of Reading, MA, and the GA Band. ¹

We encourage carpooling and there is [plenty to do in Providence](#) on a day trip for those wishing to do so. You are also invited to join us Saturday night for [Worship, Witness and Waterfire](#) in downtown Providence. The service begins at 7:30 pm in the Dunk Center and we will then proceed as a group to Waterfire. Both events will be awesome and I strongly encourage you to attend one or both if you can. The Northeast has not hosted a GA since 2001, and we are not likely to come to the region again for a long while, so I encourage you to take this opportunity to meet and connect with UUs from all over the world.

And the month wraps up with the arrival of The Morgan. For those unfamiliar, The Morgan is the last remaining wooden whaling ship, restored in Mystic, it is sailing this summer and "will once more sail up the Acushnet River for a 9-day homecoming visit from June 28 through July 6. Its cruise to several New England ports will be nothing short of spectacular."²

As part of the celebration, (Charles Morgan was a prominent member of this church) we hope to have the church open for tours during the week. Friday, July

WAYSIDE PULPIT

*"No sun outlasts its sunset but will rise again and bring the dawn."
Maya Angelou
1928-2014*

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MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

**Tues 1-5
Wed 12-2
Thu 2-4
or by appointment
508-717-2438**

RE NEWS—WAY COOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

- June 1 Spirit Play: True, Kind, and Necessary
RE Team Meeting 12:15{Historical Room}
- June 6 Fantastic Four meet UUnited {Youth Group}
Taunton 7-9pm
First Friday Open Mic 7-10pm {Tryworks}
- June 8 Children Rule the Church & Super Sundaes
- June 12 AHA Portraits of a Port 5-7pm
- June 15 Father's Day Picnic & Last Day of Sunday School
Garden Games
- June 22 Summer Lay Leader Services Begin
- June 28 Waterfire in Providence {Love Reaches Out}
- June 29 General Assembly Worship in Providence



“Love is what we are; we don’t get it from somebody, we can’t give it to anybody, we can’t fall in it or fall out of it. Love is our true Being.”
-Krishna Das

Stay tuned for our Way Cool Summer Sessions Calendar....

BON VOYAGE BAY....We love you!

I wanted to take the opportunity to wish Bay Gammans an amazing first year at Wheaton College. Bay has worked as a teacher’s assistant for three years and will surely be missed by all of the children, families and the many acquaintances she has made at The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford. We wish you a safe, happy and studious year! We hope to see you when you come home for the school breaks!

Thank you all for a wonderful church year. We have many exciting events planned for next year and we look forward to sharing them with you at our RE Team Meeting on June 1st in the Historical Room at 12:15. If you have any suggestions, concerns or would like to become involved please feel free to see Yasmin or Karen.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, Minister
Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent, DRE
Randy Fayan, Music Director
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BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

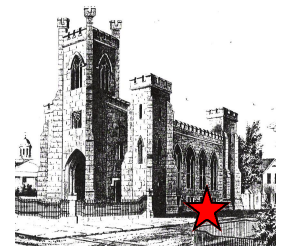
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First Unitarian Thrift

71 Eighth Street
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Wednesdays 9:00am-1pm
Saturdays 10am-2pm

“Come and find what you didn’t know you



GA WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, JUNE 29th

There will be NO SERVICE here at First Unitarian in order to allow our members to attend the GA Worship Service. Come to Providence and worship with 6000 other UUs!

We are setting up a carpool to GA for that Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish House if you'd like to be part of the carpool.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIRST FRIDAY
OPEN MIC NIGHT**
FRIDAY JUNE 6TH AT 7PM!!
IN JUNE, KIDS RULE THE MIC!
COME JOIN THE FUN!!



AHA! NIGHT
Thursday June 12 Portraits of a Port
5:30-7:30

Would anyone like to give tours of the Sanctuary and/or Labyrinth for a couple hours? Give the office a call.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY!

Please join us this Sunday, June 1st at 10:45am as we celebrate the "Grand Opening" of our new Parish House Door!

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The Social Justice Team will meet Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30. Please join if you can so we can discuss plans for the summer and fall.



WOMEN'S ALLIANCE MEETING

Alliance Annual meeting and Tea
Tuesday, June 10, 2014 in the Parish House
Tea at 12 noon. Annual Meeting to follow. (No program)
We will be talking about the future of the Alliance and are looking for someone to take over as President—or change the current format. Please bring appropriate tea goodies to share and call Pam Sherman at 508-996-1883 to RSVP. Wear a spring hat. We will be having a best hat contest. White gloves optional!
Reminder—annual dues of \$10 are due for 2014-2015

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": July 1st

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

~ Xavier McClurkin 6/6 ~ Rev. Paul Langston-Daley 6/21 ~

~ Judy Leon 6/22 ~

~ Tonie Garcia 6/23 ~ Nora McClurkin 6/25 ~



FROM THE MINISTER (continued from page 1)

4th is our monthly First Friday Open Mic Night and we expect to have some guest musicians, as many will be here for Summer Fest. On Saturday, July 5th, the church will be open for tours and respite as we celebrate the Charles W. Morgan's visit with food, music and fun activities. (There is a sign up sheet in the Parish House for those who'd like to volunteer.) We round out the weekend on Sunday, July 6th with our annual Jazz Service, which is always amazing.

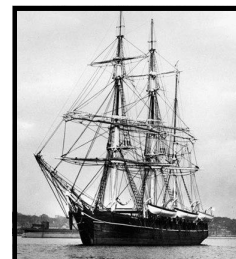
And to keep things moving smoothly through the summer, Yasmin has some summer activities planned for all ages and stages. I will be away on vacation for the month of July. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the office and Linda will provide you with the appropriate contact. For the month August, I will be around, and in and out of the office, feel free to contact me if you need anything then.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Shanti, Paul

¹ http://www.uua.org/documents/gaoffice/program/06_wednesday.pdf

² <http://www.whalingmuseum.org/programs/charles-w-morgan/history>



COME CELEBRATE THE MORGAN'S VISIT WITH US! SATURDAY, JULY 5TH!!

Music, food & kids' activities will abound at First Unitarian on Saturday, July 5th from 10am to 7pm as we celebrate the arrival of the Charles W. Morgan! Our beautiful church and garden will also be a great spot to relax and unwind from all the festivities going on downtown. Please plan to stop by and join us for some fun, maybe a bite to eat, or just to sit and rest awhile. And don't forget—the Cape Verdean Parade will pass by our church around noon-ish. Our garden is a perfect venue to watch this wonderful spectacle from!

We also need LOTS of volunteers to help lead tours of the Sanctuary and labyrinth, man the tables, set out food, run kids' activities, etc etc. If you've got a couple hours to help us out, please sign up on the sheet in the Parish House. We're also looking for bands to play live music in the garden during the event. If you know anyone who'd be willing to play for free (we'll feed them!), have them give us a call!

CONTINUING EVENTS

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

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

Second Monday of month at 7:30pm: Workshop That Reconnects—meets in Parish House.

First Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Social Justice Committee — Meets in the Sanctuary.

Second Tuesday of the month at 11:30am: 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.

Wednesdays (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.


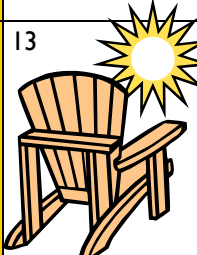
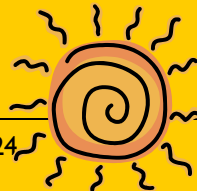



First Friday of each month at 7:00pm: Open Mic Night in Tryworks Auditorium

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



June 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:45 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new door 11:00am Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour (P) 12:15pm RE team Mtg (H)	2 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (P) 	3 6:30pm Social Justice Meeting (H)	4 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	5 7pm CUUPS Waxing Moon (P)	6 7pm First Friday Open Mic Night: KIDS RULE THE MIC! (T)	7 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
8 11:00am "Children Rule the Church" Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Ice Cream Sundae Social Hour (P)	9 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm The Work That Reconnects (P)	10 12:00pm Women's Alliance Meeting (P) 6:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg (H)	11 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	12 5:30pm AHA Night:	13 	14 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
15 <i>Father's Day</i> 11:00am Worship Service/ New Member Welcome (S) 12:00pm Picnic Potluck (P)	16 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (P)	17 7pm Movie series: The Abolitionists (T) 	18 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open	19 7pm CUUPS Summer Solstice (P) 6pm Arnold St Meeting (P)	20 OFFICE CLOSERS FOR THE SUMMER 	21 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
22 11:00am Summer Service (S)	23 5:30 Tai Chi (D)	24 	25 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open SOUP KITCHEN DAY	26	27	28 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30pm Worship, Witness & Waterfire @ GA in Providence RI
29 NO SERVICE HERE! GO TO GA & WORSHIP WITH 6000 OTHER UUs!	30 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 	July 1	2 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 7pm First Friday Open Mic Night	5 10am-7pm CHARLES MORGAN DAY!

Green Room(Gr), Dining Room(D), Kitchen(K), Sanctuary(S), Parish House(P), Tryworks Auditorium(T), History Room(H), Ladies Parlor (LP), Office (O)



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Check out our new website at www.uunewbedford.org and let us know what you think!

WORSHIP THEMES FOR THE YEAR

June Worship Theme:

For the final month of our regular church year, we focus on Accountability. Reflecting on the church year, we explore our joys and sorrows together and consider our accountability to one another. We are each other's keepers and in building the Beloved Community we hold that thought as primary in our minds.

"Whether or not you believe in God, you must believe this: when we as a species abandon our trust in a power greater than us, we abandon our sense of accountability. Faiths... all faiths... are admonitions that there is something we cannot understand, something to which we are accountable. With faith we are accountable to each other, to ourselves, and to a higher truth. Religion is flawed, but only because [humanity] is flawed. The church consists of a brotherhood of imperfect, simple souls wanting only to be a voice of compassion in a world spinning out of control."— Dan Brown (Angels & Demons, Robert Langdon, #1)

We are, indeed, imperfect and our ability to accept and admit that makes us stronger and more resilient. In our accountability to one another, we never agreed to be or committed to being, without fault. We do commit to learn from our mistakes. We strive to be the person we wish to be committing to the changes we are moved to make in our lives.

We are accountable not only to each other here in this church, but also to those in this city, state, nation and the world. We acknowledge that accountability as we are able, as we become more aware of the interdependence of the global community.

May love prevail in all we do and say.