



News & Views

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Spring has finally arrived! Driving to our **Annual Regional Meeting** (which used to be a district meeting), Niko noted the crimson hue of the maple trees budding, blanketing the edge of the highway. It was a beautiful sight, and outside my window I can see the maple tree down the street beginning to leaf out. Summer will be here soon!

The Regional Meeting was wonderful and it was a joy to have Niko there. It was so great to see all those Unitarian Universalist from all over New England! At this meeting, the Mass Bay and Clara Barton Districts voted to eliminate their District Boards and to become part of the new regional structure. The region offers terrific leadership opportunities for anyone interested. Check out the Regional website: <http://www.newenglanduua.org>.

I want to give a great big Thank You to all those who participated in the **Volunteer Fair**. We generated a great deal of interest and had a few sign-ups! (It looks like we will have a few clean up days in the garden! Watch the Compass for dates and times.) This was a wonderful chance to share the many opportunities for service that are available in this congregation. If you have questions about any of the committees or how to become involved, please see a member of the Board of Trustees or Rev. Paul and we'll help you get connected.

I also want to send out a big Thank You to this congregation! Though we were not able to reach goal of 100% pledging of all members this year, **we were able to increase our pledge income by about \$12,000**. I want to thank the Board for providing a wonderful Membership Appreciation Lunch, and for making follow-up calls to the people who have not yet made a pledge. This is a big step in helping us to maintain financial stability and as Ned Lund, our Treasurer said at the budget meeting, we still need to double this income to keep our budgeting on track. It is my hope that next year we can have some frank discussions in house meetings, town hall style meetings, and workshops, about our current financial situation and what our next steps should be.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting May 17th following the service.

I continue to believe, and feel affirmed by the results of the survey that, we are good fit for each other. I love you all and feel blessed to serve this congregation!

Shanti, Paul

WAYSIDE PULPIT

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 10-3pm
Wed 10-2pm

As always, I am happy to meet by appointment at a time convenient for you.

I can be reached by text or phone at 508-717-2438 or by email at minister@uunewbedford.org.

RE NEWS-WAY COOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hearts of Gold



- May 3 Beltane {Maypole in the Garden}
RE Team Meeting {12:15}
- May 8 UUnited Youth Group
First Friday Fun {7-9pm Taunton Church}
- May 10 Mother May I...
- May 14 AHA We Love NB 5-7pm
Love Where You Live
{Lighted Labyrinth & Hearts of Gold}
- May 17 The Web of Life
{Annual Meeting following Service}
- May 22 UUnited Youth Group
Dessert & Discussion {7-9pm Taunton Church}
- May 24 Dress Rehearsal for The Golden Rule
Calling all Volunteers...
- May 31 The Golden Rule
{Dress Rehearsal 9am w/breakfast}

“Remember the Golden Rule? Whoever has the gold rules!”

Our themes this month include The Web of Life and Paganism. We will also be focusing on The Golden Rule of World Religions for our May 31st RE Sunday. We will showcase Jainism, Islam, Christianity, Native Spirituality, and Taoism. Please be sure to arrive at 9am on Sunday, May 31st for a quick breakfast and run through of our Golden Rule Service which starts at 11am sharp. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help make this a success. If you have any items that showcase the above faiths and would love to lend us to enhance our program whether music, symbols, etc. we would love it. We appreciate your commitment. Stay tuned for our Animal Shelter Field Trip scheduled for a Saturday. {TBD}

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- House and Grounds
Richard Pline
- Religious Services
Karen Andersen
- Endowment
Carlton Dasent
- Soup Kitchen Coordinator
Dave Thoen
- Food Pantry
Maggi Kerr Peirce
- Thrift Shop
Bill Bennett
- Choir
Katie Driscoll
- Social Justice
Wendy Wiggins
- Music
Carol Kolek
- Women's Alliance
Pam Sherman

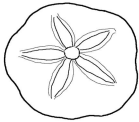




CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

THRIFT SHOP

Be sure to stop by the Thrift Shop on Thursday afternoons from 1-4pm, in addition to their regular Wednesday and Saturday hours. Special thanks to Donald Blier for volunteering his time to open the Thrift Shop on Thursdays!



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 17 at noon following the Worship Service.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The choir will meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7:15pm for rehearsal. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to join. Please speak with Katie Driscoll or email her at klbrenge@gmail.com for more information.

GARDEN COMMITTEE



THANK YOU to everyone that signed up to help in the Garden!! Weather permitting we will have two Garden workdays in May: Saturday May 16th & May 30th from 10am-12pm. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Bring a bag lunch if you'd like to stay and enjoy lunch in the garden. We'll have some tools available, but feel free to bring your favorite garden tool and gloves.

~SAVE THE DATE~ ORGAN RECITAL

To celebrate the refurbishing of our beloved Flentrop Organ, our music director, Randy Fayan, will give an Organ Recital at 3pm on November 8, 2015. Mark your calendars and plan to be here for this joyous occasion!



CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

On May 17, 2015 the New Bedford Choral Society will present their Spring Concert. Music by Haydn "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day", Wolsiefer's "Abraham Lincoln's Funeral March" set to Psalm 90, and premier of music for Vachel Lindsay's poem "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight" composed by Gerry Dyck for the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's death will be included. There will be a seven piece chamber orchestra and vocal soloists.

Tickets are \$ 15 at the door or from Ned Lund. Children 12 and under admitted free. The concert will be held at the Fairhaven Congregational Church, 35 Center Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts at 7:30PM.



WHAT'S YOUR PLAN

We will continue the successful program led by Carol, Mary Beth and Marsha entitled: *What's Your Plan?; A Discussion About End of Life Choices* following the service on May 10th at 12:30 in the Tryworks Auditorium. Please join us.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

Dinners for Eight is held on the 3rd weekend each month. For you old-timers who know how it works, please think about when you might be able to host. Ideally, we should have at least one new member invited to each dinner. Our Dinners are a great way to get better acquainted. Anyone interested in participating or for more information, please call Jean Kellaway at 508 992-0838.

QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group has moved its meetings. Instead of Wednesdays, they are now meeting on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. Newcomers are always welcome to join us for quilting, conversation and tea.



JOYS & CONCERNS

SAD NEWS...

First Unitarian sends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of our long-time member, Dorothy Heath, who passed away on April 21, 2015. She was 91 years old. Dot was a lovely, kind and giving person, and she will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATIONS...

In April, our very own Everett Hoagland was given the prestigious Langston Hughes Society Award! Congratulations Everett!

GOOD LUCK...

We wish Cora Peirce the best of luck at her new position at Coastline Elderly.

THANK YOU...

Big thanks to all those who rolled up their sleeves and got involved in operation clean sweep on Saturday, April 18th! It was much appreciated! ~ Rick Finneran

Have anything you'd like to submit to the Joys & Concerns? Weddings, new job, baby announcements, thank you's, congratulations? Email them to Linda at admin@uunewbedford.org.

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Lynn Whitney, President
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71 Eighth Street
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hours:

Wednesdays 9:00am-1pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Elliott Lussier 5/5 ~ Susan Kyle 5/27

Famous UUs: Pete Seeger 5/3 ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson 5/25

If your birthday is in May but it is not listed here, it is because I don't have it listed in my database. Please take a moment to call the office & let me know when your birthday is.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Sundays at 12:20: Choir Rehearsal—meets in the music room or Tryworks.

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.

First Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm: Book Club (starting in November)—meets in the History Room.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley,
Minister

Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent, DRE

Randy Fayan,
Music Director

Linda Fredette,
Church Administrator

Tony Gonsalves, Sexton

Vikki McMaster,
Bookkeeper


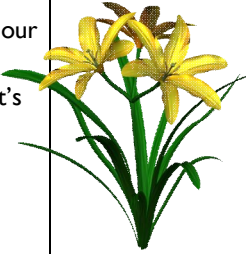



Arthur Green,
Sunday Sexton

Karen Andersen,
Sunday School Teacher



May 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Volunteer Fair(P)	27 5:30 Tai Chi (D)	28 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 7pm GNBChoral Society (Gr)	29 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	30 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 6:00 Meditation Group (T) 7pm CUUPS Beltane Potluck(Gr)	May 1 6pm Pyrate Ball (P) 	2 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
3 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	4 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (P)	5 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 7pm GNBChoral Society (Gr)	6 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	7 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 6:00 Meditation Group (T)	8 7pm Choir Rehearsal (Gr) (OFFICE CLOSED TODAY)	9 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 2pm Wedding (S)
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P) 12:30pm What's Your Plan? (T)	11 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 	12 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 12pm Women's Alliance (P) 6:30 Board of Trustees mtg (H) 7pm GNBChoral Society (Gr)	13 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	14 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 5-7pm AHA! Night Tours(S) 6:00 Meditation Group (T)	15 7pm Choir Rehearsal (Gr) 	16 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 10am-12pm GARDEN WORK DAY
17 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm ANNUAL MEETING (S) 12:30 Social Hour (P)	18 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (P)	19 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 7pm GNBChoral Society (Gr)	20 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	21 1-4pm Thrift Shop 6:00 Meditation Group (T) 6:30 Social Justice (H) 7pm CUUPS Waxing Moon (Gr)	22 7pm Choir Rehearsal (Gr) June Newsletter Submission Deadline	23 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
24 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	25 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed  <i>Let's We Forget</i>	26 9:30am Quilting Group (P) 7pm GNBChoral Society (Gr)	27 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	28 1-4pm Thrift Shop Open 	29 7pm Choir Rehearsal (Gr)	30 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 10am-12pm GARDEN WORK DAY
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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)



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF

LOVE

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WORSHIP SERVICES – MAY THEME: THE WEB OF LIFE

"There will be people then who will remember that once we lived in harmony with the earth and all its creatures, and they will speak. Some will argue, refuse to listen. But others will hear the message, will know in their hearts that those who seek to protect the earth speak truth. Their numbers will swell and slowly, very slowly, the web of life will be restored."

— Joan Dahr Lambert (CIRCLES OF STONE (Mother People, #1))

We are deeply connected to all life and so, we must be careful about how we live on the earth. Climate change is real and we will face the real consequences sooner than we anticipated. A collective response is needed and this month we explore how the web of life is shared in many traditions. We will explore our interdependence from a number of perspectives to increase our understanding of how we can be responsible members of the interdependent web of life.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Please continue to give as generously as you can. Each week, the Shepherd's Pantry serves roughly 150 families...and that's just ONE of the many area food pantries. 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.

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": May 26, 2015.**