



News & Views

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Taking risks can be a problem in this day and age. Too often risk takers are blamed or shamed if they fail. But we all know that taking risks is vital to our development as individuals and our evolution as human beings. Sometimes when we take a risk, we know it going in what the risks are. Other times the risk sneaks up on us, we suddenly realize that the choices we have made have led us to place where we are at risk. We must then decide whether to turn back or forge ahead; outcomes unknown, and the way unclear. This is a story of one such risk...

As many of you are aware, Victoria and I like to hike and when we were living in Arizona, we often spent time exploring the Superstition Mountains, a craggy range south west of Phoenix. We planned to take a loop that included a familiar trail leading to a well know point- Weavers Needle. The day began early and the air was cool. We had a map so we knew where we were going.

The trail began to climb rather steeply and, being out of shape from a sedentary summer (its too hot to move in AZ in the summer), we stopped often for short rests. At one point we saw a trail break off to the left and, thinking this was the trail we wanted, we took it.

The trail was marked by cairns (small piles of rock set along the way indicating the direction of the trail).

At first the trail was clear and strong- it looked as if it was a well-worn trail. And it went straight up. We followed it, up and up. Just long enough to realize we did not want to go back down the way we had come. We also followed it long enough to realize we were not on the trail we thought we were on. And this one began to get a bit sketchy. It was hard to follow- few cairns to guide us- very steep and rugged and not at all a trail for which we were prepared. We kept going.

As we climbed on, we could see the top of the ridgeline ahead and we hoped for a view of the main trail. Searching for cairns grew more difficult. We often had to scan the horizon several times until we spotted one. We reached the top of the ridgeline only to see yet another ridge, and more climbing ahead. We were tired. Several times I wondered: Do we have enough water? What would it cost to airlift us out of the canyon? Do I have enough phone battery to call for help?

And each time I would despair, I would stop, turn around and look behind us- out over the canyon. I would see, spread out before me, the clusters of rock like small Scottish castles in the wilderness; fortresses amongst the mountains. In other places the rock was smooth and curved more like the sandstone of Sedona, worn by centuries of wind and water; this, so much in contrast to the sharp and jagged edges of the outcroppings. In an-

WAYSIDE PULPIT

*Not what we say
about our
blessings, but how
we use them, is the
true measure of
our Thanksgiving.*

W.J. Purkiser

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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

November 2	Sunday School {Daylight Savings} Pancake Sunday 9:00am RE Team Meeting 12:15 {Green Room} Solstice Celebrations Sign-up
November 7	UUnited Youth Group {Taunton 7-9pm}
November 9	Sunday School
November 14	Canvas & Cocktails {6:30-9:30}
November 16	Sunday School
November 23	Strong is What We Make Each Other {Inter-generational} Thanksgiving Potluck
November 30	Deck the Halls {Come help decorate our church for the holidays}



Healthy Snacks: Thank you again for all of the healthy snacks. Keep them coming!

Chalice Lighting: Sign up to light the chalice with your child! Easel with sign-up is in the Green Room!

SAVE THE DATES:

December 21	Solstice Celebrations {School Pageant}
December 24	Christmas Eve Service {7:00pm}
December 28	No Sunday School

Please welcome Brittany Michaud and Sarah Dufort to our team. Brittany comes to us with much experience in education and a degree from UMASS Dartmouth and Sarah is currently working on her education degree at Bridgewater State. Brittany will be the Nursery Teacher and Sarah will be the Teacher Assistant to all classrooms! They both love working with children and being creative.

Join the discussion about **parenting** and liberal religion! Tending the Flame: The Art of **Unitarian Universalist Parenting** by **Michelle Richards**. Journal prompts and discussion questions available in the green room. If you would like to order a book for \$14.00 let Yasmin know! Will check in at RE Team Meetings or you can chat at coffee hour with other parents!

Canvas & Cocktails {BYOB}
First Unitarian Church in New Bedford
Friday, November 14, 2014 6:30-9:00pm
\$30.00 per ticket {Way Cool Sunday School Fundraiser}

Artist and member, Rochelle Pettenati {EJ & Nolan's Meme} will guide you stroke by stroke, through the creation of your very own masterpiece. After just a few hours of socializing and possibly enjoying some "BYOB," you will be amazed at your work of art. At the end of the event, you will leave with a wonderful sense of accomplishment AND a beautiful, original painting ready to hang on your wall or someone else's!

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
Social Justice Wendy Wiggins
Women's Alliance Pam Sherman



*The time will come
When, with elation
you will greet your-
self arriving at your
own door...*

*Derek Walcott on
Loving-Kindness*

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Don't forget our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck will be held on Sunday, November 23rd after service. Start thinking about yummy thanksgiving recipes you'd like to share! Huge thanks to Jan Baptist for volunteering to lead the effort this year! Please see Jan to sign up on the list and let her know what you'd like to bring.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will take place on Tuesday, November 11th at 11:30 in the Parish House. Bring brown bag lunch-- beverage and dessert will be provided. The program will be a presentation by Maggi Peirce and Pam Sherman on the events of General Assembly which was held in Providence this past June.

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

We will continue the successful program from the last two months led by Carol, Mary Beth and Marsha entitled: *What's Your Plan?; A Discussion About End of Life Choices* following the service on November 16th. This generated great discussion and we hope to provide support to one another as we consider the difficult choices we must all eventually face in dying.

MOVIE SERIES

Please join us on Tuesday, November 18th at 7pm in the auditorium for the next installment of our Tryworks Movie Series: The Black Power Mix-tape 1967-1975.

From 1967 to 1975, a film crew directed their cameras at America's

Black Power movement, producing footage that remained unreleased for decades.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will begin meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us in the History Room at 6:30pm on Tuesday, November 4th.

CRAFT NIGHT

Please join us on Monday, November 17th at 6:30 in the Tryworks Auditorium for Craft Night! Let's get together for a fun evening enjoying each other's company as we make some crafts to sell at our Annual Holiday Fair. For more information, contact committee chair, Sylvia Daley at sylvia.daley3@gmail.com.

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other place, a blanket of green and brown rose and fell with the soft, fluid contours of the earth. The view on this trail was magnificent.

We continued climbing. At one point we lost the cairns all together and we contemplated trying to head back. Before us spread a canyon and yet another ridge, it was steep and filled with small ridges of rock like deep ripples in a pond frozen in time. We saw Weaver's Needle and looked off to our left to where the main trail should be. We searched the distance for a sign of the trail we were following and finally saw a cairn. We slowly and cautiously climbed down and over the rippling ridges, into the gullies and up and out to the cairn where we picked up the trail again. It was narrow and the plants crowded us as we passed by some, with their tough spines, exacting a toll of blood for the right to pass.

Eventually we saw that our path was headed for the main trail and rejoiced in our accomplishment. We had made it. We were back on familiar ground and the car was only a short, two-hour hike down. We were grateful to have taken the risk, to have followed the trail even though we were not sure of the way and its outcome. The views were spectacular and our connection to the life around us, deep.

In our lives, whenever we take a risk and try a new path- the way may be difficult. Anytime we try something new, there will be challenges. But more often than not, we find it's worth the risk. The way will not always be clear, and sometimes the path requires a toll. But, we have plenty of water and food for our souls. We have good company along the way. And, if we stick together, if we remember to stop every now and then to admire the view, if we offer words of encouragement to one another as our spirits falter, we make the journey less frightening and more meaningful for each and all of us.

Shanti, Paul

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

~ Ned Lund 11/1 ~ Cora Peirce 11/10 ~

~ Abigail Kettle 11/21 ~ Allison Kettle 11/21 ~

~ Olivia Costa 11/22 ~ Sylvia White 11/26 ~

If your birthday is in November, but it is not listed here, it's because I do not have it in my database.
Please call the office and let me know your birth date so we can all celebrate with you!

**BOARD MEMBERS
AND OFFICERS**

Lynn Whitney, President
 Judy Lund, Vice Pres.
 Niko Tarini
 Carlton Dasent
 Terry Goyer
 Cora Peirce
 Kerri Cummins

Clerk—Richard Pline

Treasurer—Ned Lund

FOCUS ON MEMBERS

BLAST FROM THE PAST: This photo, submitted by Lynn Whitney, is from 1980. Mary Beth Dowd & Lynn talking at coffee hour in front of the real Carpenter's Son.



First Unitarian Thrift

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hours:
 Wednesdays 9:00am-1pm
 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.

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

Second Monday of month at 7:30pm: the Work That Reconnects—meets in 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.

Wednesdays (September-December & February 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.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley,
 Minister

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 Music Director

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 Church Administrator

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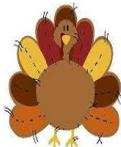
Arthur Green,
 Sunday Sexton

Karen Andersen,
 Sunday School Teacher



November 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	27 5:30 Tai Chi (D)	28 6pm Domestic Violence Vigil (S) 7pm GNBCS (T)	29 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 9:30am Quilt Group (P)	30 7pm CUUPS Samhain (P)	31 	Nov 1 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open (TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR)
2 9:30am Pancake Breakfast (P) 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P) 12:30pm Religious Ed Comm mtg(H)	3 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (P)	4 6:30pm Book Club (H) 7pm GNBCS (Gr)	5 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 9:30am Quilt Group (P) 5:30 RJPNB (H)		7 7pm First Friday Open Mic (T)	8 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 4pm Wedding (S)
9 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour (P)	10 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm The Work That Reconnects (P)	11 VETERAN'S DAY-OFFICE CLOSED 12pm Women's Alliance mtg (P) 6:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg (H) 7pm GNBCS (Gr)	12 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 9:30am Quilt Group (P)	13 7pm CUUPS Waxing Moon (Gr)	14 6:30pm Canvas & Cocktails (P) 	15 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
16 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Social Hour 12:30pm "What's Your Plan?" (S)	17 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 6:30 Craft Night (T) 7pm Pride Café (P)	18 7pm GNBCS (Gr) 7pm Movie Series: Black Power Mixtape (T)	19 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 9:30am Quilt Group (P)	20 6:30pm Social Justice Meeting (H)	21	22 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
23 11am Worship Service (S) 12pm Annual Thanksgiving Potluck (P)	24 5:30 Tai Chi (D)	25 7pm GNBCS (T)	26 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 9:30am Quilt Group (P) SOUP KITCHEN DAY	 Happy Thanksgiving	28 6pm NBSO (T)	29 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)



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Daylight Savings Time ends at
2am on 11/2. Don't forget to set
your clocks back 1 hour before
you go to bed on Saturday night!

WORSHIP SERVICES

November theme: *Savoring*

"I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve (or save) the world and a desire to enjoy (or savor) the world. This makes it hard to plan the day." E.B. White

Our challenge is to do both; to save *and* savor the world. How can we save a world we do not savor? If the world is meaningless to us, or without purpose, we have no reason to save it. But if we take time to stop and drink in the beauty, complexity, diversity and joy that is all around us, we are compelled to do something to care. Savoring means more than simply noticing. It's more like tasting a new wine, when the taster first drinks in the aroma of the vintage and then slipping the fluid across the tongue, allows the flavor to spread and expand across all the taste centers of the mouth; the brain registers those sensations—woody, fruity, bitter or sweet.

To savor is to stop and witness, to open oneself to the full experience and to allow it to fill us. This month we explore what it means to savor our lives and how savoring can help save us.

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": November 25, 2014.**