



News & Views

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Hello and Welcome Back!!

After a few weeks in California, I feel well rested and ready to go. Victoria and I had a wonderful time visiting my son, backpacking in the rolling hills, hiking in the redwoods and kayaking with sea otters, seals and sea lions. We are both glad to be home kayaking in the more familiar waters of Slocum's River and the Westport River. There is so much to do here, so much to explore, it has really been a great summer.

September 8th we return to the church year with our Water Communion Celebration. Please don't forget to bring your water from travels near or far.

I am very much looking forward to the coming year and the many excellent programs planned, it looks to be a year of deep learning and exploration. This year, I invite each of you to join in an ongoing discussion of race and racism in the United States. We begin this fall with a reading of *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. This is an amazing book with a deep and thoughtful analysis of institutionalized racism and how we can help change the cycle of mass incarceration. This group will be open to, and advertised in, the greater community. We already have a number of people interested in participating. Keep an eye on the Compass (our weekly email) and the announcements in the order of service for more information.

Also, as part of the process of addressing the school to prison pipeline, we are following up on a project for restorative justice. The Social Justice Team was hoping to begin working with Roosevelt Middle School this year, but the principal Darcy Fernandez, left for a promotion. (I wish her the best!) Unfortunately, this left us a little high and dry wondering what we would do with the local schools and found that Whaling City Alternative High School had already been approached by another group interested in restorative justice. This summer I began conversations with that group and we have been invited to join them in a much more ambitious project of bringing restorative practices to the city. I will have more on this as things unfold, but for now, we are at the beginning

WAYSIDE PULPIT

*When summer
gathers up her robes
of glory,
And, like a dream,
glides away.*

*~Sarah Helen
Whitman~*

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MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

**Tues 1-5
Wed 12-2
Thu 2-4**

RE NEWS-WAY COOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPER SEPTEMBER

- 8 WELCOME BACK {Barbecue}
Water Communion {Inter-generational}
RE Team Meeting 12:15
- 12 AHA It Came From a Book {5-7pm, Custom House Square}
- 15 Orientation I {Registration}
- 22 Orientation II {Registration}
- 29 School



MAY THE SUN SHINE IN YOUR HEART... {Deer Sullivan}

Our Way Cool Sunday School welcomes all! We are pleased to announce the addition of Tawanna Guerrero {Nursery Teacher} and Sarah Atamian {Classroom I Teacher} to our teaching team. {Pending Board Approval} Tawanna will care for our youngest children during services on Sunday Morning from 10:45-12:15 in addition to other church programs/events. Tawanna has an A.A. in Elementary Education, is CPR/First Aid certified and is a Certified Nurse's Assistant. Tawanna is a mother of two, enthusiastic and willing to wear many hats!

Our other teacher Sarah is currently studying English at UMASS Dartmouth and is CPR/First Aid certified. Sarah has a rich UU background growing up in the Franklin Church. Sarah currently teaches at Alma del Mar Charter School in New Bedford, volunteers as a mentor for America Reads, supervises and Lifeguards Junior High Youth at Rowe Camp and loves horses and many other things too numerous to list!

We are also delighted to have Bay Gammans {Teacher Assistant} and Karen Russell {Classroom II} returning this year. I will be leading a youth group and assisting our "teachers" as needed. A blessing to have such a crew! Although we have an exquisite team it is ultimately the parents/guardians and the congregants who help guide this program to fruition. We hope you will invest your time and efforts in upholding quality religious education for all!

We are excited to see all at our Orientation Sessions outlining our program and policies. Thank you in advance for all that you do for the children and each other!

Peace and Happy Back to School!



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

House and Grounds
Richard Pline

Religious Services
Karen Andersen

Membership
Development

Comm. Chair Needed

Endowment
Carlton Dasent

Soup Kitchen Coordinator
Dave Thoen

Food Pantry
Maggi Kerr Peirce

Thrift Shop
Bill Bennett

Social Justice
Wendy Wiggins

Women's Alliance
Pam Sherman

Hospitality

Comm. Chair Needed

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

When we return to regular services this Sunday, we'll have our usual "Welcome Back Cook Out". But after that, we'd like to see if we can get some generous members/families/friends to "host" our Social Hours. If 2 (or more) people or families team up each week to bring goodies, make the coffee, set out plates/napkins, etc., then each person would only host once or twice a year.

We think this will become a fun tradition that everyone will enjoy.

So...which date would you like

to sign up for?? C'mon...you know it'll be fun!

If you'd like to "host" a Sunday in September or October (or any particular date you have in mind!), please email Linda

This is sure to be a fun part of our church life!

Please sign up!

(nbu718@aol.com) or call and leave a message in the office. We'll get back to you and explain all the details. There's also a sign up sheet in

the Parish House.

THANKS to Lynn Whitney & Teresa De La Torre for hosting Social Hour on Sunday, September 15th! Also, thanks to Jean Kellaway, who has signed up for TWO dates in September and October!

PS: We also need people to be on the "Hospitality Committee" to help keep the Social Life of the church running smoothly. Want to help out? Let us know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

INGATHERING— SEPTEMBER 8TH

Don't forget to collect water from your travels near or far to share at our In-gathering and Water Communion. And plan to stay after the service for our "Welcome Back BBQ" (hopefully) in the Garden. (weather permitting) *Please bring a side dish to share if you are able.*

FIRST FRIDAY OPEN MIC NIGHT: SEPTEMBER 6TH!

On the First Friday of each month, from 7-10pm, we'll be having an Open Mic night in the Tryworks Auditorium. Please let ANYONE and EVERYONE know about this FUN, monthly event!

Thanks to Chuck Dade for coordinating this ongoing event and to Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent for setting up the Auditorium and snacks, etc. so far, but now we **REALLY NEED** some more volunteers to keep it going strong! If you'd like to help out at the First Friday Open Mic Nights, please talk to Chuck Dade or call the office for more information.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Saucy September!! For the month of September, please bring in CANS (NO glass jars please) of **pasta sauce** and place them in the box by the parking lot door. Pasta sauce is a good, inexpensive source of nutrients and great for families with small children. (Feel free to bring a box of pasta to go with it!) As always, thank you for your continued generosity!

QUILT GROUP

The very popular Quilting Group will be starting up again **this Wednesday morning (9/4/13)**. We encourage anyone who would like to quilt, talk, and visit to join in the fun. Don't worry if you don't yet know how to quilt. We can find tasks for you to do and help you learn. Or you can just visit!

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stages and more planning needs to be done before we are ready to move forward.

Internally, (at the church), I am excited to be leading several Leadership Development opportunities. A Pastoral Care Team Training will also be held in the fall- this is an opportunity for those who are interested in serving in more personal capacity, to be a compassionate listener and to give those in our church in need a place to be heard. If this sounds of interest to you and you'd like to know

more, please see me. Finally, I hope to put together a Hospitality Team to welcome new faces, help new members get connected, and to continue to offer coffee hour, and other social events throughout the year.

It feels like a big agenda, but with everyone's help and commitment, I am sure that we will continue to grow and thrive. The good news of Unitarian Universalism, Standing on the Side of Love, is a vital and important message in today's world. I know you will join in

spreading that message as we each attempt to live more compassionate lives and encourage others to do the same.

It's good to be home!

Shanti, Paul

WORSHIP THEMES FOR THE YEAR

This year our Worship theme is: Accountability- To whom are we accountable? How do our choices reflect our values? What are the consequences of our choices and do we feel about those consequences?

We begin September with the theme of: Enter, Rejoice and Come In!

We open our doors with joy and invite the spirit of love to move us as begin a new year together. It is a great gift to celebrate the wonder of this world with others, to learn new ways of seeing and being, engaging and learning. This month we honor the spirit of welcome and belonging.

The major themes for the year will be the 7 Virtues (with a little help from the vices too)

October	Charity (and greed)
November	Temperance (and gluttony)
December	Shadow into Light
January	Diligence (and Sloth)
February	Chastity (and Lust)
March	Kindness (and Envy)
April	Humility (and Pride)
May	Patience (and Wrath)
June	End of the Year -GA is in Providence this Year

CHURCH NEWS

OFFICE HOURS

We are back on our usual Office Hours of Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm as of Tuesday, September 3rd.



NOTE OF THANKS

Brenda, our kitchen lady for many years, sends her thanks for the kindly donation, amounting to \$135, that was given to her by church members during July.

~Maggi Peirce

UU WORLD

All MEMBERS of the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford

should be receiving a copy of UU World magazine. If you are a member and are not receiving UU World, please call the office (508-994-9686) or send an email (nbu718@aol.com) and let me know. I will add you to the UUA list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE be sure to check with the office before scheduling ANY event that involves the church facilities. We want to make sure everyone can be accommodated and that events don't overlap. ALSO--please check the posted calendar (in the Parish House and

in the newsletter) to make sure there aren't any events going on before coming by the church unexpectedly. We have many, many groups that rent out the building and we must be courteous to them and allow them privacy.



Thank you for your cooperation with these important building usage matters!

THANKS

Thank you to everyone that helped clean the church during this past Sunday's "Labor of Love" Service. The building looks beautiful!

"GIFTS TO GIVE" NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Adult Volunteers Needed

School is back in session and we need adult volunteers in the mornings, to help us set up and be ready for the fall and winter.

With over 30,000 local children living in poverty, the need is overwhelming! Back to school is our busiest time of the year and we are swamped with orders for clothes and school supplies.

If you have a few morning hours to give - it would be very helpful, especially if you bring a friend. It would also be helpful if you would forward this post to friends and family you think might be interested!

We need specific help in four areas: two in the mill, two outside the mill.

IN THE MILL: Our Triage Department - (Not exactly the perfect use of the word - for us triage means our first inspection of donations - sorting through thousands of donated items each week with an "eye" for - do we keep it or not?).

IN THE MILL: Our Order Department - filling orders for gift packages - where volunteers take individual orders and "shop" the mill, finding the best things for each child.

IN THE COMMUNITY: Help us facilitate collection drives in schools, churches, temples, businesses - details here

IN THE COMMUNITY: Help with our Middle School Mentoring Programs - details here

If you want more information on volunteering and/or have specific questions, email or call Jim Stevens at the mill 508-717-8715 x 2201

Again; just "dropping-in" is always OK!

Please help us if you can!

The GiftsToGive Management Volunteers: Alyse, David, Diane, Gilbert, Jeanne, Jim, Maddy, Martha, Missy, Russell and Sarah.

FOCUS ON MEMBERS

This wonderful picture, submitted by Judy Lund, is from the Society and Club Page of the Standard Times printed on Thursday, May 20, 1965. Can you recognize these lovely ladies that graced the social page?

Answer: On the left is our beloved Aurore Chace and on the right is our dear friend and longtime member, Phyllis Grosswendt, who is no longer with us.



BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Lynn Whitney, President
Judy Lund, Vice Pres.
Niko Tarini
Larry Jaquith
Carlton Dasent
Ron White
Cora Peirce

Clerk—Richard Pline

Treasurer—Ned Lund

BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday to: Dave Thoen 9/9, Ken Peirce 9/10, Sophia Peirce 9/14,
Claudette Blake 9/22, Amanda Clark 9/23, James McIlroy 9/25,
Dylan Andersen 9/28, & Jan Andersen 9/28.*



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 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 6:00pm: 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.

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.

First Unitarian Thrift

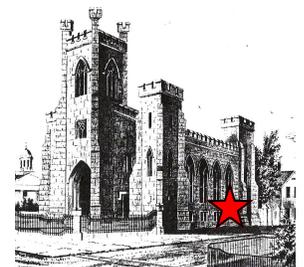
71 Eighth Street
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hours:

Wednesdays 9:00am-1pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

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





September 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00am Summer Service (S)	2 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (P) 	3 6:00pm Social Justice Comm Mtg (H)	4 9:30am Quilt Group 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	5 7pm Tea CUUPS (Gr)	6 5pm Wedding Rehearsal (S) 7-10pm First Friday Open Mic Night (T)	7 Board Retreat- Offsite 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 4:00pm Wedding (S)
8 11:00am Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour (P)	9 5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7:30pm Work That Reconnects Workshop (P)	10 6:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg (H)	11 9:30am Quilt Group 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	12 AHA Night 	13	14 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open
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22 11:00am Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour (P)	23 5:30 Tai Chi (D)	24	25 Soup Kitchen Day 9:30am Quilt Group 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	26 9am BCD UUMA Ingather- ing (P)	27	28 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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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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