

*The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford*

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# News & Views

June 2013

## From the Minister

Dear Friends-

I want to begin this month's article with an apology to the congregation, and to the members of the New Bedford Choral Society, especially their Conductor, Gerry Dyck. I was on the program to welcome the Choral Society when they performed in our church last Sunday, but unfortunately, I over extended myself and missed this event. Not only do I regret missing a fine concert, but I also feel that I let down the church and Gerry Dyck. This apology does not rectify the situation, but I do want to assure everyone that this was not acceptable to me as the ministerial voice of this congregation.

Last month I attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual GRACE (Growing Racial and Cultural Equity) Summit with a team from the church. The workshop was on Renewing Our Commitment to Multicultural Ministries. We learned a good deal and met some new people from Connecticut and other parts of Massachusetts. I am hoping we can put together a team to carry this work forward into next year.

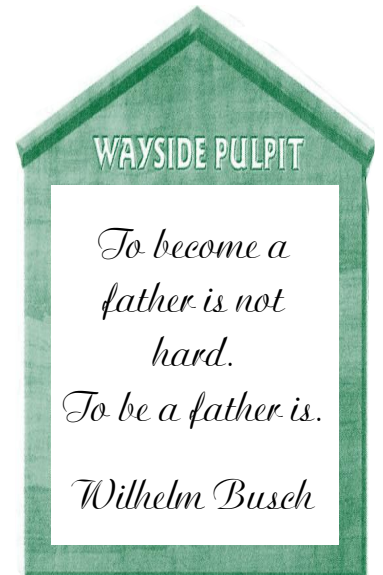
We've had a tremendous year and I am looking forward to our social justice projects at Roosevelt Middle School and Spirit of Art program. Spirit of Art will begin this month and I will be working with the Social Justice Team over the summer to get the Roosevelt School programs in place in the fall. Yasmin, Karen and I have been collaborating on Sunday activities for next year so there is a common monthly theme on Sunday (during worship and with the children's program). This will allow families the opportunity to talk about their experience on Sunday Morning together. I hope also, to do some reading and writing during my study leave in July.

If you haven't seen it yet, there is a survey online (paper copies are available in the office) about Spiritual Exploration and Adult Education. We are trying to get a sense of what kind of programming is of interest to the congregation. We will schedule programming based on the responses we receive.

I am looking forward to the summer and getting some work done around the house- we still have to finish unpacking. I will be around for most of July and gone for most of August. If you need me in July, please call, text or email me. I'll get back to you as soon as I can. In August, I will return emergency calls only. The Board President will also be able to reach me in the event of an emergency.

Things are winding down towards the end of the year and there are still a few things to do. Thank you all for a wonderful and productive first year together! I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Shanti, Paul



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### MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

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

**PAUL BUNYAN  
BURGERS FOR  
FATHER'S DAY  
BBQ**

**Ingredients**

6 bacon strips, diced  
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms  
3 thin onion slices  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tspn seasoned salt  
1/2 tspn salt  
1/2 tspn pepper  
1/2 tspn prepared horseradish  
1 lb ground beef  
3 slices American cheese  
3 hamburger buns, split

**Directions**

Cook bacon until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon to paper towels. In the drippings, sauté mushrooms and onion until tender. Transfer to a large bowl with a slotted spoon; add bacon. In another bowl, combine the egg, Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt, salt, pepper and horseradish; sprinkle beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into six 1/4-in.-thick patties. Divide bacon mixture among three patties. Top with a cheese slice; fold in corners of cheese. Top with remaining patties; seal edges. Grill, uncovered, over medium-hot heat until meat juices run clear. Serve on buns.

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

At their meeting on May 14, the Trustees voted three final changes to the church's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2014, all of which were approved by the congregation, along with the full budget, at the annual meeting on May 19:

1. The amount for monthly guest musicians, to play during Randy's monthly week off, was raised from \$2,000 to \$2,750 for ten services during the church year (September-June). (The higher amount had already been included in the budget printed in the annual meeting booklet.)
2. Under PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, \$250 was included for baby-sitting services during special program events, such as the new member orientation sessions, etc.
3. Under OUTREACH, a new line item of \$1,000 was added as a contingency fund for the church as a possible contribution to a consortium of historical churches in New Bedford.

The consortium of historic New Bedford churches, if formed, will be part of the historic churches/sacred places effort that was begun earlier this year under the sponsorship of the New Bedford Preservation Society, the Historic Preservation Education Foundation, and Partners for Sacred Places. Two related workshops under this sponsorship were convened at Grace Episcopal Church by the City of New Bedford, the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford, the New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park, and the Waterfront Historic Area LEague (WHALE). The purpose of the proposed consortium is to engage the non-profit Partners for Sacred Places in a year-long training program for consortium members to help promote financial and religious sustainability for congregations through stronger ties to their communities. Representatives of First Unitarian will attend a follow-up workshop on this topic on June 4<sup>th</sup> with representatives from other area churches. Partners for Sacred Spaces will once again present their program and proposal for New Bedford, which will be considered for adoption at the meeting.

The Board continued its discussion of the relationship between the church's endowment and stewardship by members through pledging and fundraising. Although an improving economy and surging stock market have helped ease current pressure on the endowment, the annual draw of about 11% to help support the programs and maintenance of the church is still unsustainable over the long term. More support will need to come from pledges and fundraising, both out of fiscal necessity, and for what it will mean for the ability of the church to fulfill its mission to members and the community. The Trustees expressed confidence in the growth and long-term viability of this congregation, given current trends, enthusiasm, and

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activities.

Two examples of this increased activity are the children's RE program and the process and findings of the Social Justice Committee. Registration in the RE program reached 25 this year, with increased parental involvement in Sunday services and church-related events. Adult education is another area of growth and increased activity, thanks to programs initiated by Rev. Paul and others. The Social Justice Committee reported to the Board in May, and indicated that it would present two of the three top projects that emerged from the house meetings held during the church year: one project outlined a cooperative program with an under-performing New Bedford school, and another focused on art as an instrument of self-realization and social justice.

The Trustees will hold their monthly second-Tuesday meeting on June 11, at 6pm in the Historical Room. The Board will assess progress on congregational goals over this church year. Trustees meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

*"In these divine pleasures permitted to me of walks in the June night under moon and stars, I can put my life as a fact before me and stand aloof from its honor and shame."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson,  
"Journals"*

*Thank you to everyone who volunteered, baked, donated, cleaned, set up, and/or helped in any way to make the Eben Alexander Lecture such a huge success! Over 500 people filled our church on the evening of May 16th and we raised about \$4500!*

*We cannot thank the Marion Institute enough for allowing us to host Dr. Alexander here, and we look forward to future collaborations with them!*



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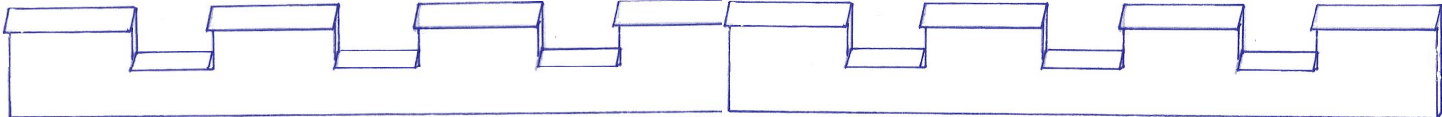
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Closed on Holidays



## WAY COOL SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### Jubilant June

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

House and Grounds  
Richard Pline

Religious Services  
Karen Andersen

Religious Education  
Priscilla Bates

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

Green Sanctuary  
**Comm. Chair Needed**

Welcoming Comm.  
Bill Bennett/ Niko Tarini

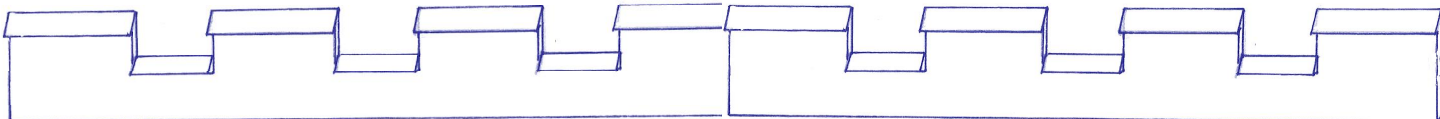
- June 2 Flower Communion {Inter-generational}  
Potluck  
New Member Sunday  
RE Team Meeting {12:15}
- June 9 Spirit Play Story: Tryne Costa
- June 13 AHA Portraits of a Port {5-7pm}  
Picture Perfect...New Bedford Beauty  
Paint, chalk and garden galore!
- June 16 Super Sunday {End of year celebrations}

Thank you all for a fantastic year. We have covered such a diverse curriculum ranging from our Seven Unitarian Promises to World Religions and more. Our mission is to not only stand by our covenant but to support each other as we come together in raising our children and providing them with rich, eclectic experiences so they can be confident life-long learners. We value each family's needs and continue to adapt our programs to be creative and meaningful. Our Way Cool Sunday School is growing and with that we have many exciting additions to our program for next year, like a youth group, nursery teacher, and two classroom teachers to accommodate the various age ranges among many other wonderful opportunities. As the quote graciously states, "There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children; one is roots and the other wings." With that we are delighted to help establish roots and offer flying lessons! Be safe and blessed be. Enjoy your Summer!

~ Yasmin

## This Month's AHA!

**AHA Portraits of a Port {5-7pm}**  
**Picture Perfect...New Bedford Beauty**  
**Paint, chalk and garden galore!**  
**All are WELCOME! FREE!**



## Church Events

**Mondays** at 5:30pm: Tai Chi — Meets in the Green Room. Free.

**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.

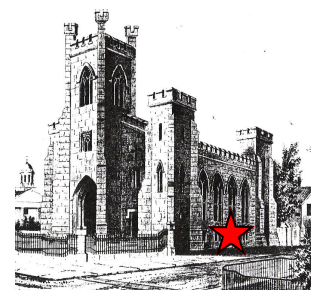
**Wednesdays** at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary: Buddhist Meditation.

**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.

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hours:  
Wednesdays 9:00am-1pm  
Saturdays 10am-2pm  
*"Come and find what you didn't know you needed!"*



### ***FLOWER COMMUNION***

Please join us for a celebration of the Flower Communion on June 2nd. This is a special ritual that is uniquely Unitarian Universalist. We invite you to bring a flower with you to this service, from your garden, from the florist, from a friend. We will blend these together to create bouquet of color and texture, symbolizing the diversity among us.

### ***PROGRAM COUNCIL MEETING***

If you are a team leader, or committee chair, we invite you to join us on June 2nd following the service, to discuss our goals and programming for next year. Everyone is welcome to attend, but those with events that need to be put on the calendar are especially encouraged to be there. If you have specific dates for events for next year, or if you would like to offer a group discussion or learning opportunity, please let Rev. Paul know.

### ***ANNUAL BOOK FAIR***

The Annual Book fair will take place **THIS** Saturday, June 1st. Any donations of gently read books will be much appreciated.

### ***SUMMER SERVICES***

We need lay leaders for Summer Services! Most of July is still open! Please get in touch with Religious Services Committee Chair, Karen Andersen, if you are interested in leading a worship service over the summer.

You can contact Karen via email at [witchgwen@yahoo.com](mailto:witchgwen@yahoo.com) or by phone at 508-542-0807.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Bookkeeper  
Vikki McMaster

Sexton  
Anthony Gonsalves

Sunday Sexton  
Arthur Green

RE Teacher  
Karen Andersen

Child care  
Bay Gammans

Kitchen Coordinator  
Brenda Andre

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AND OFFICERS**

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Lynn Whitney, Vice Pres.

Judy Lund

Niko Tarini

Larry Jaquith

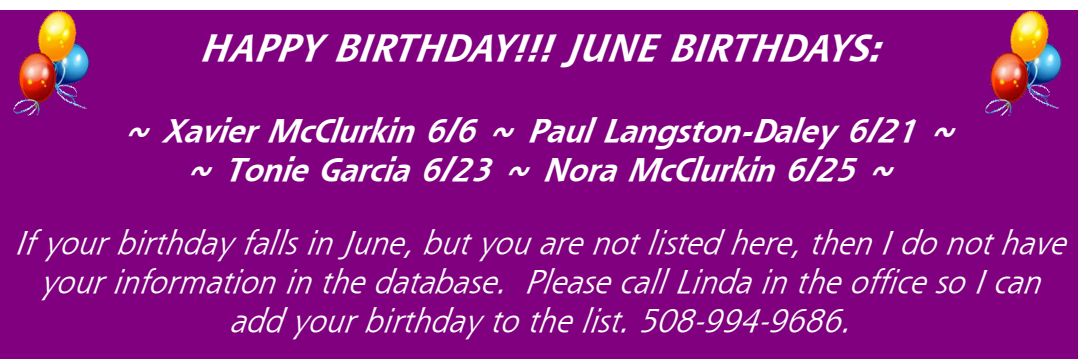
Carlton Dasent

Ron White

**Clerk**—Richard Pline

**Treasurer**—Ned Lund

**NEWS/EVENTS AT FIRST UNITARIAN**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**  
 ~ Xavier McClurkin 6/6 ~ Paul Langston-Daley 6/21 ~  
 ~ Tonie Garcia 6/23 ~ Nora McClurkin 6/25 ~

*If your birthday falls in June, but you are not listed here, then I do not have your information in the database. Please call Linda in the office so I can add your birthday to the list. 508-994-9686.*

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

As usual, the Church Office will not have set office hours during the summer months. The last "regular" office day will be Monday, June 24th. After that date, office hours will be by appointment only. If you need to come by for any reason, please call and schedule a time that someone will be in. Phone messages and emails will be checked regularly, but give us at least a couple of days to respond as we may be out of the area.

**PICNIC POTLUCK**

Sunday, June 16th, we'll celebrate our last "regular" Worship Service before Summer Services begin AND Father's Day with a "Picnic Potluck". Come join the fun and bring some type of "picnic" food to share!

**FIRST FRIDAY OPEN MIC NIGHT**

On the First Friday of each month, we'll be having an Open Mic night in the Tryworks Auditorium. If you're not familiar with our auditorium, it is acoustically amazing and a wonderful space in which to perform! We really need more volunteers to help make this program stay successful. If you'd like to help out (or perform!) on First Friday Open Mic Nights, please talk to Chuck Dade or call the office.

**WOMEN'S ALLIANCE**

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance on June 11th will be their **Annual Meeting Tea** at 11:30am (please note the time change from noon to 11:30). Bring a recipe to share and a tea goodie. The hostess will be calling all the members. Any questions or anyone else wanting to join in, please call Pam Sherman at 508-996-1883.

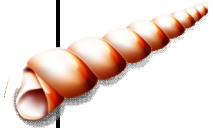
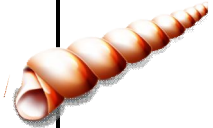



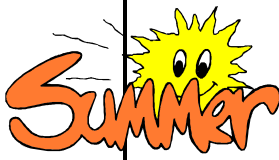
**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Please join us on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30pm for the next Social Justice Committee Meeting. The Second Sunday Offering for this month will be collected on June 9th.

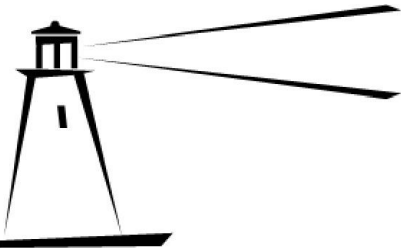


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 11:00am Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour/Birthday Party (P) 1-3 Book Shop Open 	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	28 9am Spirit of Art (P) Newsletter out today	29 9-1 Thrift Shop Open 9-4 Book Shop Open 9:30am Quilt Group (P) 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr) <b>SOUP KITCHEN DAY</b>	30	31 	June 1 <b>10-2 Annual Book Sale (P)</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop Open 10-4pm Sub-text Book Shop Open
2 11:00am Worship Service (S) 12:30pm Social Hour(P) 12:15 RE Parent Workshop (H) 1-3 Book Shop Open	3 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) <b>7:00pm Pride Café (P)</b>	4 9am Spirit of Art (P) 6:30pm Social Justice Comm Meeting (S)	5 9-1 Thrift Shop Open 9-4 Book Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	6 <b>5-7pm AHA! Night</b> <b>7pm CUUPS Elders Mtg (Gr)</b>	7	8 10am Womensphere Steering Comm Mtg (P) 10-2 Thrift Shop Open 10-4 Book Shop Open
9 11:00am Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour(P) 12:30pm TED Talk (Gr) 1-3 Book Shop Open	10 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) <b>7:30pm Work that Reconnects Workshop (P)</b>	11 11:30am Women's Alliance Annual Meeting Tea (P) 6:00pm Board of Trustees Mtg (H)	12 9-1 Thrift Shop Open 9-4 Book Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	13 	14	15 10-2 Thrift Shop Open 10-4 Book Shop Open
16 11:00am Worship Service (S) <b>12:00pm Picnic Potluck(Garden)</b> 1-3 Book Shop Open 	17 5:30pm Tai Chi (D) <b>7:00pm Pride Café (P)</b>	18 9am Spirit of Art (P)	19 9-1 Thrift Shop Open 9-4 Book Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	20 7:00pm Litha Potluck(Gr)	21 Newsletter submission deadline	22 10-2 Thrift Shop Open 10-4pm Sub-text Book Shop Open
23 11:00am Summer Service (S) 12:00pm Social Hour(P) 1-3 Book Shop Open	24 <b>LAST DAY OF REGULAR OFFICE HOURS</b> ----- <b>APPT ONLY FOR THE SUMMER</b>	25 9am Spirit of Art (P) Newsletter out today	26 9-1 Thrift Shop Open 9-4 Book Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr) <b>SOUP KITCHEN DAY</b>	27	28 	29 10-2 Thrift Shop Open 10-4pm Sub-text Book Shop Open

Green Room(Gr), Geoghegan Room(Ge), 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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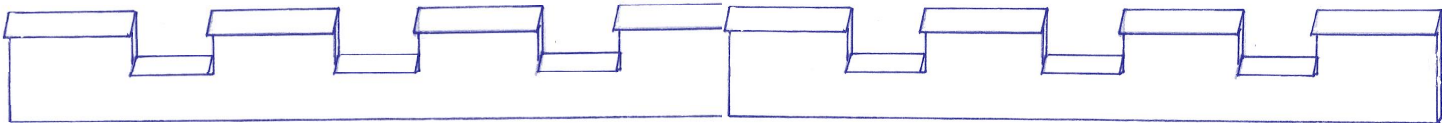
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## Sunday Services

*All Sunday Services are held at 11:00am in the Sanctuary unless otherwise noted. Please join us for Social Hour in the Parish House immediately following Sunday Service.*

### *June Theme*

#### *Celebration*

*Please join us for the Flower Communion on June 2nd. Bring a flower to share. This service is community celebration (all ages are welcome).*

*June 9th will be my guest, Peter Newport, who attended seminary from this church. I will be leading the service with him. It is the anniversary of his ordination.*

*June 16th is a celebration of our Religious Education program and the end of our church year. Join us for a picnic potluck following the service.*

## 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":  
June 25, 2013***

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Hunger doesn't have the Summer off! Please continue to bring food donations throughout the summer. Most needed items at this time are peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, pasta, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please), pancake mix, maple syrup and boxed cake/brownie mixes.