News & Views

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FROM THE MINISTER

Dear friends,

Please note that I am on vacation from July 17- August 15. In the event of an emergency, please contact church the office. Linda will give you the number for Rev. Ann Fox who has

graciously agreed to be on call while I am gone. Also, our President Lynn Whitney is also available... Have a fabulous summer- I look forward to seeing you all in August!

Don't forget to collect

water from your travels near or far to share at our Ingathering and Water Communion September 8th.

Shanti, Rev. Paul

WAYSIDE PULPIT

"Summer afternoonsummer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most. beautiful words in the English language."

Henry James

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Summer Office Hours are by appointment only. Please call or email at least a day or 2 before you'd like to come by.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

When we return to regular services in September, 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.

Do you have a date in mind?? If you'd like to "host" a Sunday in September or October (or any particular date you have in mind!), please email Linda (nbu718@aol.com) or call and leave a message in the office. We'll get back to you and explain all the details.

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

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!

RENEWS

Way Cool Summer Edition

Not going anywhere this summer? Not a problem! Visit YOUR town!

Have some fun exploring your area. You never know, you may find enough to do that you turn your next vacation into a staycation!

Visit Tourist Attractions: Check out the things in your town that other people TRAVEL to see! Because you live there, you have the luxury of visiting during the travel off-season and that is always less crowded.



Find Local Events: Every town has events that they are known for, but check area websites and papers for the unexpected. Finding a small fair in a rural parking lot is easier to negotiate with small children than a larger amusement park or state fair. Art festivals can be great places for kids to be exposed to something new on a family day out.

Go to a Sporting Event: Support your local sports teams - minor league or high school - by attending a game as a family. These smaller events are extremely family-



friendly and often cater to wiggly spectators. Do a little research prior to the game to help your child know some basic rules and the major players of the game.

Stop at the Library: Most libraries are a really fun place to spend an afternoon They often have quite a few programs for children., such as story time for the little ones and art lessons for the older ones. It is amazing to see how much happens at a place we think of as "quiet".



Locate Factory Tours: Many towns have factories that allow groups to tour the plant. Some of these require a minimum number of people, but a few friends and their families can create the perfect size tour group. Homeschooling families have been doing this for years!

Attend a Concert or Play: Whether the venue is large or small in your town, the family experience can be full of surprises. There are lots of free or very low cost outdoor concerts at local beaches, wineries & town centers. You can find one almost any night of the week! (My favorite are the Wednesday night concerts at Apponagansett Beach in South Dartmouth! \$5/person. Kids under 12 are free!)



Day Trip to a Nearby Town: Check out other town's local tourist attractions too!

You'll be amazed at how much you can find right in your own neighborhood! You've just got to LOOK!

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The Better Future Project is organizing a climate change march on Labor Day weekend called Energy Exodus: from Coal to Cape Wind. The march will begin in Fall River and end in Hyannis on Labor Day. The group will arrive in New Bedford on the evening of Aug. 28 and many will need food, water, and overnight accommodations. If you would like to help out, please contact Wendy Wiggins at wwiggins@comcast.net. It would be great if someone could spearhead our church's efforts to support this endeavor.

On **Aug. 11**, we will take up a special Second Sunday collection for Mercy Meals and More.

As many know, Mercy Meals is running short of funds and may need to cut or significantly reduce its free breakfast program gaps in services for those among us who depend on shelter and feeding programs for survival.

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unless we all pitch in. Come prepared to give generously on that day. The SJ team is also planning to host a dinner meeting in September for Rev. Russ Chamberlain and invited lay volunteers from area churches, with the goal of starting a "lay network" of volunteers to fill in We have been invited by United Interfaith Action to join their MA Minimum Wage campaign, which will begin this fall. A member of our SJ team will attend a training session in

Waltham next week to learn more.

Finally, congratulations to our own **Jan Baptist**, who has announced her run for the Ward 5 City Council seat. Jan, please know that we are here to work with and for you on your cam-

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Show by Tracii Tarvers

Show & Tell
Paintings, Wood Burnings & Jewelry
Author of "To Rise Then Roll"
August 8th AHA Night
5:30-7:30PM
at the Travessia Urban Winery

FIRST FRIDAY OPEN MIC NIGHT: AUGUST 2ND!

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.

Benefit Fundraiser: Renaissance Community School for the Arts Foundation, Inc.

August 16th 6-8pm
Grapes, Hops & Hors d'oeuvres
Destruction Brook Farm, 107 Slades Corner Rd, S. Dartmouth
\$50 For tickets, please contact Liz Aeschlimann at
508-525-5338 or email lizaeschlimann@unitedfaithaction.org

INGATHERING—SEPTEMBER 8TH

Don't forget to collect water from your travels near or far to share at our Ingathering and Water Communion. And plan to stay after the service for our "Welcome Back BBQ" (hopefully) in the Garden (weather permitting).

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FOCUSONMEMBERS

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus which has rehearsed for 10 years in the Parish Hall of First Unitarian Church performing under the tent at the New Bedford Folk Festival Saturday July 6, 2013. Among the singers are 2 members and 1 former member of our church. Can you guess who they are?



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

Woodie Underwood

Answer: Ned Lund, David Brownell, and former member

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to Maggi Peirce 8/1, Edna Thoen 8/1, Elliott Civatarese 8/5, Jean Kellaway 8/5, Alyzza May 8/8, Truddi Santos-Clark 8/11, Fred Gifun 8/11, and Chris Hingston 8/29

CONTINUINGEVENTS

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

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

<u>Second Tuesday of the month</u> at 12:00pm: Women's Alliance Meeting in the Parish House (unless otherwise stated). (No meeting in January, February, and March.)

<u>Second Tuesday of the month</u> 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 6pm in the Sanctuary: Mid-week 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.

First Unitarian Thrift

71 Eighth Street New Bedford, MA 02740

hours:

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



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			Chantey Choir (Gr)			
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NO SUNDAY SERVICE HERE 9:30am We will join the Fairhaven UU Church for Worship Service today	5:30 Tai Chi (D) 7pm Pride Café (P)	6:00pm Social Justice Comm Mtg (H)	9am-Ipm Thrift Shop Open 6:30pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)	AHA Night		I0am-2pm Thrift Shop Open 4:00pm Wedding (S)
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Ladies Parlor (LP), Office (O)



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SUMMER SERVICES

(all summer services will be held at 11 am in the Sanctuary unless otherwise stated)

August 4 ***PLEASE NOTE***

Our church will be closed this Sunday as we will be visiting the <u>Fairhaven UU Church</u> to hear Ed Rooney at 9:30.

August 11

Karen Andersen

Soul Work

August 18

Jorge Pereira

Non-Conformity in Emerson's Self Reliance

August 25

Wendy Wiggins

Beloved Community

September 1

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

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FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER: Hunger doesn't have the Summer off! Many kids who receive free lunches at school may have a tough time over the summer. 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.

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": August 30, 2013