



FUSN News

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

February 19 - March 3, 2012

SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:15 A.M

Feb. 19 - "How We Die" - Holly Haynes - Music by JourneySongs

Feb. 26 - "Wheel of Life"

This is an annual celebration of our FUSN family with poetry and music. We will be honoring family births, deaths, weddings, graduations, engagements, and notable life changes (new job, big move, etc). We welcome your contributions for the service. If you or anyone in your family has had a life transition during this past year, please contact one of us: Greg Sullivan, gregs@sulliwood.org, 617-964-7699; Margaret Costello, mcostello@partners.org, 617-332-3248; Jud Leonard, jud.leonard@gmail.com, 617-969-2623 or one of the other lay ministers.

March 4 - "March 4" - Rev. Erin Splaine

March 4, 4:00 p.m. - Anne Bancroft's Ordination

ERIN'S SCHEDULE

Erin is usually in and around the building here at FUSN during the day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and again for meetings and classes those evenings. Monday is the day of the week she takes off and Friday is set aside as a writing day, though occasionally she is available for meetings as the need arises. As you all know we are a very busy and engaged community, unless it is an emergency there is every possibility that it might take up to 24 hours for Erin to return your phone call or email. Please call Fran at the FUSN office, 617-527-3203 to schedule an appointment with Erin.

A NOTE FROM ERIN

Every Sunday here at FUSN is, each in its own way, a celebration. We revel in our coming together, the energy, enthusiasm and inquisitive nature of our children and youth and so much more. On Sunday March 4th we will have even more to celebrate when we gather not once but twice as a community. Our morning will be as routine as any Sunday morning is ever routine here with our regular worship service, religious education classes, coffee hour and the like. Our afternoon will be a very special celebration when this congregation ordains Anne Bancroft to our Unitarian Universalist ministry.

Certainly most of you know Anne, who with her husband Dan raised their three children here at FUSN and who was your remarkable and much loved Director of Religious Education for over a decade. Others who have found a spiritual home here in the last three years may not have had the opportunity to know Anne and have shared with her in her journey from parishioner to religious educator to minister. Yet, her ordination here on the 4th is a great moment for our entire congregation.

In our Unitarian Universalist tradition the act that confers the title and authority of minister upon a person is a profound and joyful responsibility that is also a distinct symbol of congregational polity. When we gather at 4:00 p.m., on that Sunday and you confer on Anne the title of minister thus affirming all of her hard work — all of her many gifts for her new role as minister you will be continuing a sacred tradition as old as both our Unitarian and Universalist heritages.

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Staff: Erin Splaine, *Minister*, Cheryl Rubin Lloyd, *Community Minister*, Kristin Cleveland, *Coordinator of Member Services and Development*, Fran Clancy, *Administrator*, Mr. Barb Greve, *Consulting Director of Lifespan Religious Education*, Beth Walton, *Assistant Director of Religious Education*, Rebecca Hinds, *Youth Programs Coordinator*, Anne Watson Born, *Director of Music*, Carson Cooman, *Organist*, Roberta Humez, *Minister of Music Emerita*, Corey Hess Mahan, and Dylan O'Brien *CoBeadles*.

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When you ordain Anne to our ministry you will be fulfilling a great legacy as well as celebrating one who you know and love so well. It will be a great day and I for one am looking forward to it all.

BUDGET DRIVE PARTIES

Get Ready- The Annual Budget Drive Parties Are Coming.

Each year, every member and friend in the FUSN community is asked to make a financial pledge to sustain our congregation.

This year, as an alternative to traditional stewardship visits, you will have the option to make your pledge at one of several social gatherings being hosted by people in our congregation. These “pledge parties,” as well as the personal stewardship visits, will all take place during the 7-week pledge season (March 11-April 30) following the Fellowship Dinner (March 10).

A full schedule of parties will be available starting Feb. 26, and we encourage each of you who wish to pledge this year at a party to sign up early because they’re going to be FUN! If you prefer a stewardship visit, you can sign up for one at that time.

Stay tuned for more information and....see you all at the Fellowship Dinner on March 10!

Josie Greene and Bruce Henderson
Budget-Drive Co-chairs
budgetdrive@fusn.org

LAY MINISTERS

The FUSN lay ministers are available to help members and friends who are experiencing difficulties and could use a listening ear, help with meals in case of illness, rides to the doctor, and the like. If you would like to reach a lay minister, here is the list below. If you would like to be one of those who make up our Care Crew—the cadre of people the lay ministers call on to help—just e-mail Greg Sullivan at gregs@sulliwood.org for more information or to sign up to be in the Care Crew database.

Name	Home	E-mail
Margaret Costello	332-3248	Mcostello@partners.org
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Brenda Roberts	332-5082	bnroberts@comcast.net
Greg Sullivan	964-7699	gregs@sulliwood.org

THE NEW UU

Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon in the Children's Chapel

Facilitators: Erin Splaine, Mr. Barb Greve, Kristin Cleveland

Are you curious about what it means to become a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation? Would you like to learn more about the history of the First Unitarian Society in Newton? Do you want to know how to get more involved here? Would you like an opportunity to share your experiences and explore your beliefs with Erin, Barb, and others? This introduction to UU & FUSN is perfect for newcomers, new members, and inquirers who have been coming for a while but who want to learn more about UU.

Come at 8:30 for coffee, bagels & fruit. Programming begins promptly at 8:45 so that we can be sure to be done by 12 noon. Childcare will be provided.

Please let Kristin know if you are coming (email her at member_services@fusn.org) so we can have the right number of bagels & course materials available.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following care crew members: Allan Hartman, Kate Mason, Pat Rohan, Nancy Wrenn and Bart Wright.

CONNECTIONS

Help Those Who Are Hungry by volunteering for a morning of work at the Greater Boston Food Bank on Saturday, Feb. 25. Our group of FUSN members and friends will depart from the FUSN parking lot, leaving at 8:45 a.m., you’ll be back before 1:00 p.m. Youth are encouraged to join us, minimum age is 14. To volunteer, contact Judy Zacek [contact info online].

The monthly **Vespers service** with the Vermilion Quartet, Amelia LeClair, director, will be Sunday March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. The service is designed for diversity of spirit and thoughtful meditation. This is a unique monthly service of music led by the Vermilion Quartet and poetry—written or chosen—and read by FUSN’s poets. Vespers will last just half an hour—a way to set aside the noise and stress of daily life and to spend some time in stillness and mystery. Upcoming services are: April 8, May 13.

FUSN YOUTH COFFEEHOUSE

Saturday, March 3
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

To Benefit Communities Without Borders and
the Chawama Family Home for AIDS Orphans in Lusaka, Zambia.



Act one: Acoustic - 7:00-9:00 p.m



Act two: Bands - 9:00-11:00 p.m.

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Minimum Donations: Students \$5, Adults \$10

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Join us on March 18 for our FUSN Community Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Toddlers welcome, we have high chairs available for them. The menu (eggs, eggbeater omelets, fried potatoes, pancakes, biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee) is great and the price (\$4) is unbeatable. Clean-up help appreciated. Mark your calendars for the Next Breakfast Dates: April 8; May 20.

SAVE THE DATES

March 3 - Youth Coffeehouse
 March 10 - Fellowship Dinner

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