



# FUSN News

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

June 10 - June 23, 2012

## SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:15 A.M

**June 10** - 10:15 a.m. - "Flower Sunday"

Rev. Erin Splaine

**Please note** that this service marks an end to our regular church year. Please look for the list of Summer Services in this newsletter. Services start at 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.



### A Big Day of Year End Events

Just a reminder for a big day of year end events at FUSN this Sunday June 10. Right after services will be the Annual FUSN Barbeque which this year will be combined with the RE sponsored Sundaes on Sunday. We will also be saying good-bye to Barb Greve, who has done so

much in guiding our Lifespan Religious Education Program over the last three years. And last, but not least, at 12:30 we will be having our Annual Meeting to elect officials for next year, vote on the budget and conduct other important FUSN business. Childcare will be provided. So you can enjoy some tasty (and free) treats, say good-bye to Barb, and then participate in the Annual Meeting where members get to vote on key FUSN decisions. Even if you are not a member, come and see our democratic society in action.

## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

**Demie Stathoplos & Dan Stoll** - Dan and Demie were members of the River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda, MD, and were married there in 1998. They moved to Great Barrington, MA in 2004, and then after the recession, moved to the greater Boston area in 2010, where they hope to be settled for a long time!

Demie is a clinical social worker by training, and is currently the Executive Director at Pathways to Wellness, a non-profit in Boston that provides holistic therapies like acupuncture to people in the community who might not be able to afford it. Previously she was Executive Director of Health & Healing at Canyon Ranch in Lenox. She loves to sing, walk in nature, and be silly with their son, Alex.

Dan grew up in a Jewish household in suburban Washington, DC. He recalls, "in my thirties I felt something was missing in my life and went in search of a spiritual home. After concluding that Judaism did not resonate with me, I went "church shopping" and eventually joined River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda, MD. We found FUSN after we moved to Newton in July 2011.

As a member of FUSN, Dan and Demie hope to:

- contribute to the spiritual and social life and mission of the church
- find a place where I can nurture my own spiritual growth
- connect with like-minded people in fellowship and community
- find avenues to advance social justice

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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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**Dr. Lynda Bolduc-Hicks** - Lynda Bolduc-Hicks is a psychologist, wife, mother, and relatively new parishioner in the FUSN community. Married for twelve years, she and her husband Paul live in Newtonville with their two children, Shane (9) and Gavin (6). Shane is a highly imaginative boy who enjoys animals, creative activities, and especially anything related to his favorite holiday: Halloween! Gavin is a fun and adventurous boy who loves outdoor activities, animals and playing with his big brother.

Dr. Lynda earned her Masters in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University in 1996 and her Doctorate from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology in 2002. She is currently a licensed Clinical Psychologist at Psychological Care Associates in Stoneham, where she has been since 2008. Prior to that, she was at the Cambridge Health Alliance Victims of Violence Program (VOV), working with survivors of trauma and coordinating a Wellness Program with Boston area First Responders. Her husband, Paul Hicks, is a Central Processing Supervisor at the New England Organ Bank, where for fourteen years he has been working to “give the gift of life.”

Raised in a Protestant family, Lynda attended services intermittently during her youth but didn't find the hoped for understanding or comfort in those teachings. Consequently, as an adult, she has traveled a more spiritual path alongside her academic route. This has included earning certifications to teach yoga and perform Reiki II (energy healing), as well as learning about mindfulness, gemstones and crystals, and chakra healing. Although this path has enriched her life in ways she could never have imagined, she found that she needed more to deal with the tragic and sudden death of her sister on July 4 2010 from suicide, and in raising her children amidst this and other challenges in life. She is grateful for the FUSN community for giving her solace and comfort at such a difficult time after this loss. In addition, she is thankful for the FUSN community continually feeding her families' spirit each week through music, dance, laughter, wisdom, kindness, support, and a caring that can all be felt in this community like a refreshing dip in a warm, sparkling pool on a sunny day, no matter what the weather outside. For these reasons she has chosen to become a member, continuing to define herself with the addition of these new FUSN experiences.

**Jamie Freed** - Jamie Freed's husband, Bob MacWilliams, and their daughter, Bess (Lee), began regularly attending FUSN in 2003 and Bess participated in the RE Program. Jamie occasionally attended FUSN services for the next 6 years after dropping their older daughter, Maddie, off at Prozdor Hebrew High School on Sunday mornings. Her involvement in FUSN grew during Bess' Coming of Age year as did

**MEET THE NEW MEMBERS (continued)**

her appreciation for the community and the RE Program. Her experience as a mentor in the COA program this year further deepened her ties to FUSN and has compelled her to become a member. A social worker by profession, Jamie serves as Director of Adult Services at the Asperger's Association of New England in Watertown, where she has worked since 2002.

**Karen Honig** - Karen first attended FUSN services when her daughters were teens. She drifted away for a decade or so, but returned when she heard that Erin was the new minister. She joined FUSN because she is seeking a community which is socially active and is also a place where she can go to quiet the outside world.

Karen is a Certified Holistic Health Counselor who works to help men and women optimize their health without dieting. She explains, “many of my clients want to lose weight, while others suffer from gastrointestinal and inflammatory issues. I really love my work, helping people lead healthier lives.”

**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.

**FUSN Lay Ministers**

Name	Home #	E-mail
Jay Flynn	[find contact info in online directory]	
Judy Friedman	"	
Chris Goldsmith	"	
Kathy Hearn	"	
Jud Leonard	"	
Greg Sullivan	"	
Gail Yeo	"	

**TRANSGENDER WORKSHOP**

Thursday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. facilitated by Mr. Barb Greve - Being a Welcoming Congregation is not just about including people of all sexual orientations and gender identities -- it's also about engaging those differences and asking questions, and knowledgeably celebrating the rich diversity of our identities and orientations. This interactive workshop will explore transgender identities, provide definitions, and addresses some of the challenges transgender people face in today's world. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## CONNECTIONS

**The FUSN community** extends their sympathy to Linda Rinearson, Gregory, Jonathan and Becky Crowder on the death of Tom Crowder who passed away on May 31, the memorial service will be at FUSN at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 9.

**Saturday morning**, mostly FUSN, mostly doubles, mostly guys outdoor tennis is now in its 31st year. If interested, please call Bob Ellertsen at 617-965-4183.

**Volunteers are needed** for a morning of work at the Greater Boston Food Bank on Saturday, June 9. We carpool from the FUSN parking lot, at 8:45 a.m. You'll be back by 1:00 p.m. Youth are encouraged to join us, minimum age is 14. This is the final volunteer date of the current church year -- our next date is in September. Please contact Judy Zacek, 617-969-7992 if you plan to be with us on June 9. Seasonal note: no sandals are allowed, as we work in a warehouse.

## THANK UUS

**We had a wonderful day** Saturday, May 12 and want to thank the many stalwart helpers who came to weed and spread mulch. Many thanks to: Kate Carney, Susan Coombs, Jeannie Chaisson, Judy Curby, Clare Kastner, Doris Lewis, Jonathan Lilienfeld, George Martin, Kate Mason, Jacki Rohan, and Carrie VanderLaan. We managed to finish the garden mulch this past weekend with help from Judy Curby who came alone on Saturday to mulch the day lily beds by the Sanctuary. Then on Sunday, Jeannie Chaisson, Alan Cody, Suzanne diCarlo, Carla Erb, and Eileen Kurkoski finished off the garden mulch and tried to bury the weeds in the Memorial Garden. We'll try to weed again in the fall and maybe plant a little as well. See you all then.

**The Operations Council** would like to thank our Sandy Island Coordinator Denise Bousquet and Sandy Island Events organizer Barbara Krause. Karen Bottar and Brian Gill, the Finance Committee co-chairs for all of their effort to put together the proposed budget for next year; and Brian Burba and Dana Hanson for the great job they did as this year's Coming of Age Coordination Team.

## SUMMER SERVICES - 9:30 a.m

**June 17** - "New Lives After 65" Recent FUSN Retirees

Reflections on, and conversation with attendees about, what it means to retire from full-time work: the delights, challenges, downsides, strategies, and changes in ways of living involved. The speakers have recently retired from long-term professional jobs.

**June 24** - "Fathers" - FUSN Fathers

Join us for a post-fathers' day summer service focused on the concept, reality, challenge, and joy of fatherhood. Hear music and words from an eclectic group of FUSN fathers (mostly) and bring along your own father (either in spirit or in the flesh) as we reflect together about what fatherhood means to all of us.

**July 1** - "Spirituality of Caring" - Kate Mason

A touch, an unspoken word, a caring presence.

Personal offerings in poetry, music and prose exploring Caring as a Spiritual Practice.

**July 8** - "Stories of the Longest Night" - Kate Carney

What makes a night long -- an all night party? a deadline at work? Fear? a life-changing experience? insomnia? Come here colleagues tell stories of such a night, then tell one of your own to a neighbor.

**July 15** - "Learning to Pray" - Rebecca Hinds

As a chaplain intern this summer at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center people ask me everyday to pray with them. I will share stories from this experience and explore prayer in Unitarian Universalism. Come share in this experiential, prayerful worship!

**July 22** - "Listening" - Ellen Porter Honnet

When we listen to someone deeply, our relationship with them changes. In this interactive service we will listen in a special way and share how that changes us and our relationships.

**July 29** - "Saving and Savoring" - Green Sanctuary

The Green Sanctuary service on July 29th will focus on food production in relation to the 7th UU principle--the interdependent web. An intern from the Newton Community Farm will speak about her renewed passion for farming and how it has changed her life after years as a successful fashion model.

**Aug. 5** - "The Revelation of Encounter"

Dan McCanan

For more than two centuries, people of faith have been at the forefront of movements for social transformation in the United States. Today's sermon will share the stories of faith-based radicalism, highlighting the interpersonal encounters that give activists the strength to change the world.

**Aug. 12** - "Sunday Morning Vespers" - Amy LeClair

In keeping with the familiar vespers theme of lowering your blood pressure, FUSN's Vespers quartet, Vermilion, will sing music by one incredible master of the English Renaissance, William Byrd, bookended by music from the mistress of medieval chant, Hildegard von Bingen. Dollops of Neruda, Yeats, and Bradstreet will complete the rich spiritual repast.

**Aug. 19** - To be announced - Father Walter Cuenin

**Aug. 26** - "Worship Through Percussion"

Matt Meyer

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Join us on September 9 for our first 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. Upcoming Community Breakfast dates: Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 17, Apr. 7 and May 5.

## VESPERS SERVICE

The monthly Vespers service with the Vermilion Quartet, Amelia LeClair, director, will be Sunday June 10 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—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.

**Deadline** for next newsletter is June 19, 9:00 a.m.

**Boston’s Gay Pride Parade is This Saturday**, June 9. Join the FUSN marching group in sharing a message of welcome, acceptance, and love. There are 2 options for meeting locations. One option is to attend the Arlington Street Church Pride Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Saturday (featuring the music of Pride 1969 - present), and then join the parade from there. The other option is to meet the FUSN group marshals (Marcia Cruz, Amy Konary, & Kristin Cleveland) at the FUSN banner in Copley Square by 11:30 a.m. so that we can be put into position in the parade lineup before the moment of silence at 12 noon. The parade begins immediately after the moment of silence. (Note: Kristin will post a very specific Copley Square area meeting location on the FUSN business listserve and the FUSN facebook page by noon on Friday, or you may email her at [member\\_services@fusn.org](mailto:member_services@fusn.org) to learn that location if you aren't on the listserve or fb group page.)

The parade is about 2 and a half miles long and ends in Government Center around 2:30ish. Kristin recommends taking the T (Riverside and Newton Center both have parking on the green line, which easily gets to Copley, Arlington Street, and Government Center).

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