



FUSNews

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

June 28 - July 11, 2015

SUMMER SERVICES - 9:30 A.M

6/28 - "Stories of Risky Business"

We've all taken risks, challenged rules, lived courageously at times. Sometimes we tell stories of those times – not always what literally happened, but how we interpret our experience, through story. Hear a few such stories, exchange your own with a neighbor, and if there's time, volunteer to tell it to everyone. Led by Kate Carney.

7/5 - No Service

7/12 - "Supporting Families Following Abuse: It Takes a Village"

One in four women and one in seven men will experience violence in an intimate relationship in their lifetime. Renewal House in Roxbury and The Second Step in Newton work with individuals and families following abuse. Members of these groups will join us in talking about supporting those who have experienced domestic violence and best practices in prevention. Catie Curtis will provide music.

7/19 - "A Foreign Policy for All"

The international scene can be distressing and discouraging. Cole Harrison, Executive Director of Massachusetts Peace Action, will discuss his response to such discouragement and present hopeful ideas about A Foreign Policy for All.

7/26 - "Ethical Conversations"

What do ethical conversations look like? This interactive service will explore how we approach ethical dilemmas and where we get the personal moral principles we bring to them.

8/2 - "Making Music, Making Community: a Family Friendly Music Service"

Bring your family and friends to make a joyful noise. No expertise needed, just bring your enthusiasm and an open heart!

8/9 - "Our Sacred Geography" (at Cathedral in the Pines) 11:00 a.m.

Save the Date for an unusual FUSN service and picnic at the Cathedral in the Pines (75 minutes) in Rindge, NH. Erin will preach (Sacred Geography) and Lois and Luca will play the organ and trumpet in this wide open outdoor setting facing Mt. Monadnock (indoors if it rains). We'll picnic on the lovely grounds with plenty of trails, tables, rest and play areas. Details on directions, carpooling, picnicking and such will follow in late July.

8/16 - "I and Thou: The Art and Practice of Authentic Connection"

We connect easily through social media, but many of us feel alienated and alone. Is it possible to turn to each other and live in real relationships? Lois will explore philosopher Martin Buber's "I and Thou" exercises in authentic connection. Awaken and affirm the parts of our natures that yearn to be in "I AND THOU" relations to each other and the world.

8/23 - "Finding Meaning in Difficult Times" - Mandy Beal

Our country finds itself increasingly divided. These divisions span practically every aspect of our lives. How do we continue to find common ground? How do we work together? Is there still something we can refer to as our shared experience?

8/30 - "Journey Toward Forgiveness" Tina Chery
Come learn how Tina has forged a new path to healing and reconciliation through the creation of innovative programs, programs anchored in restorative justice theory that teach and apply the seven core principles of peace – love, unity, faith, hope, courage, justice and forgiveness.

9/6 - No Service

Staff: Erin Splaine, *Minister*, Fran Clancy, *Administrator*, Rowan Van Ness, *Director of Religious Education*, Beth Walton, *Assistant Director of Religious Education*, Anne Watson Born, *Director of Music*, Carson Cooman, *Organist*, Roberta Humez, *Minister of Music Emerita*, Ruslan Crosby, *Beadle*.

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MUSINGS

The end of the worship year is a time to look back at what worked, to think about what

music touched people and what pieces were merely wallpaper in a service. Of course, the

great thing about what we do and the context in which we do it is that each piece of

music can be both of those things at the same time.

The sounds of a service do not always have to be front and center; they can support a message from the background.

Many many people speak to me and to all of our musicians about the music in our services, and it's interesting to note that I'm not talking to the same people each week. This is gratifying because one of the goals of our music ministry here at FUSN is to affirm fellowship by promoting tolerance and respect for different backgrounds and traditions. We are working to find the commonality in the music we perform, even when it's outside of our comfort zones. The goal is for us all to see beauty and worth in a variety of music. This past year we sang "When I see the water", "I am loved as I love", and the Mozart *Requiem* - representing the gospel tradition, Shaker music, and the Western classical canon. Do they all belong in our UU worship services? Does our annual joyful and raucous "Hallelujah Chorus"? I say "Yes!" to all of them.

This summer I will be attending several conferences (including GA, where I now am) and am looking forward to the brain-and-ear-stretching activity that happens as I hear new music and speak with colleagues about their experiences. I wish the same for all of you and look forward to our coming together again in September.

-Anne Watson Born

SUMMER PICNICS



Save the Dates for 2 Summer Picnics. The Member Services Committee will once again host two informal summer picnics for the FUSN community at Auburndale Cove.

The first one will take place on Thursday, July 16 and the second on Saturday, August 22. Both are from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Auburndale Cove is a terrific park along the Charles River, with lots of parking, grills, picnic tables, bathrooms, a playground, and fields for all sorts of games. In case of rain, we've also reserved the FUSN Parish Hall for an indoor picnic. Please bring your choice of meat/fish/veggie burgers, etc. to grill, plus a dish to share. We'll provide the paper goods, cutlery and condiments.

If you'd like to help with set-up, please contact Judy Zacek, jczacek@comcast.net.

CHIMING CONCERTS

The FUSN Chimers will present three concerts this summer: June 19, July 24, and August 25, from 7 to 8pm. Come and commune with our front lawn and each other while listening to some very cool music wafting down from the FUSN Bell Tower.

UU URBAN MINISTRY SUMMER EVENTS!

Every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.: Fair Foods at the UU Urban Ministry

Volunteers needed to work with Fair Foods to sort, package and sell healthy, low cost fresh produce. You will work with and meet many of our Roxbury neighbors. Lemonade, gardening, and cooking demonstrations too!

Mondays and Wednesdays, July 6-Aug. 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon: Gardening with Young People of Roxbury

The Roxbury Youth Program Summer Employment Program and Youth Against Mass Incarceration will be working in the gardens from 10:00 a.m. -. They welcome volunteers to work side-by-side with them.

Saturday, July 11, 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 15, 1:00 p.m.: Jazz concert on the UUUM lawn

A neighborhood music, arts, and culture festival featuring The Makanda Project, St. Mary's Episcopal Church Steel Band, Citywide String Orchestra, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, and more! Please join us! We are looking for congregations to host an arts and crafts table for children at these events.

All events will be at UUUM—10 Putnam St., Roxbury, MA 02119. To sign up or get involved please contact Rev. Rebecca Hinds @ UUUM, 617-318-6010, x 214. Or call Judy Friedman, 617-325-9886.

THANK UUS

A very belated thank you to all our stalwart workers who showed up to weed and spread mulch during our May yard clean up at FUSN.

Lynne and Dick Bail, Jeannie Chaisson, Jane Hobbs, Lynne Karlson, Deborah Lawson, Doris Lewis, Jonathan Lilienfeld, Duane (Jim) Matthieson, Jacki Rohan, Nancy Stanton, Carrie van der Laan, they all came to clear away remnants of winter and make our playground safe for our kids.

An even bigger thank you to Barbara Bates who planned our critter garden which we started at our May clean up and to Carrie van der Laan who finished clearing the ground so our children could plant the seeds on Mother's Day. Barbara and Carrie have continued to water both the critter garden and our new parking lot plants since then, organizing a schedule and devoting hours of time to helping these plants thrive. If anyone would like to help with watering or new plants in the fall, please let Barbara or Carrie know. Many thanks,

Laurel Farnsworth, Chair Buildings and Grounds

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 for more information or to sign up to be in the Care Crew database.

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FERRY BEACH

Mark your calendars!! Oct, 16-18, 2015 FUSN Ferry Beach fall weekend retreat

Please note: This year it is the weekend after Columbus day. We will have activities Friday night through Sunday early afternoon. Please contact Vern Ellis for more information or to help coordinate the weekend. vellis@ellisdesign.net

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

This is the last Newsletter going out in June. Our next newsletter deadline will be August 18. We return to our regular two week schedule in September Deadline for the first newsletter is Sept. 8.

STAFF SUMMER SCHEDULE

Erin - GA end of June. In and around most of July. Vacation end of July to late August.

Anne Watson Born is out of the Office:

June 17-20
June 23-28 (GA)
July 15-26
August 2-9
August 16-21

Rowan - out of the office:

June 20 - July 8
July 19 - 26
August 12 -18

Fran - out of the office:

July 5 - 20
August 16 - 31

Beth - Out of the office July and August

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