



# FUSN News

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

June 2 - June 15, 2013

## SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:15 A.M.

**June 2** - Bridging Ceremony - Rebecca Hinds

**June 9** - 10:15 a.m. - "Flower Sunday"

Intergenerational service - Rev. Erin Splaine

## SUMMER SERVICES 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall

**June 16** - "Where We're From" - Does your family have stories you tell about how your grandparents or other ancestors immigrated to America? Three tellers from the congregation will relate short stories from their family's heritage -- where they're from, how they got here or how they adjusted. Next, everyone's invited to share stories from their own family history in brief story exchanges with a partner. Then, volunteers are invited to come up and share the story they've just told, with all of us.

**June 23** - "Asking for Help"

**June 30** - "Unitarian Yoga" - Experienced Yoga guide, Helaine Golan, will share some of both the philosophy and the experience of yoga. Often misunderstood as only about body poses and movements, yoga is equally, or more about opening the mind, heart, and spirit. In other words, yoga is very Unitarian!

**July 7** - To Be Announced

**July 14** - "Our Poets"

**July 21** - "Granny Wears Combat Boots" - GERALYN HORTON

**July 28** - "The Way We Were: FUSN in the 70's"  
Observations about FUSN and life from our longest-time members

**Aug. 4** - "The Ecology of Food" - Eric Olson  
Eric Olson will lead a biological reflection on what we grow, what we eat, and how we decide, with bread and summer salad served after the service.

**Aug. 11** - "Environmental Justice"

**Aug. 18** - "The Joys of Everyday"

**Aug 25** - "Brain Science and Human Nature"

John Lisman, a Brandeis professor will speak on the field of neuroscience and his work in it. Curt Lamb will reflect on the values questions such work raises.

## CLOSING OUT THE YEAR

**A Big Day of Year End Events** - Just a reminder about the year end events at FUSN on Sunday June

9. Right after services 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 Kristin Cleaveland who has done so much as our Membership Coordinator for the past two 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 Kristin, 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.

## CHALICE CIRCLE POTLUCK

Friday June 7, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone and everyone is invited to a potluck to end our Chalice Circle program for this year. If you have been part of a Chalice Circle please come and share a meal and conversation with folks from other Circles. If you haven't been part of a Circle this year please come and share a meal and conversation and hopefully sign up for a Circle next year.

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## MUSINGS



## Our Tech Crew

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### THANK UUS

Thanks to Denise Bousquet for her usual great job in organizing the terrific Sandy Island weekend. Also to Barbara Krause for organizing the many fun events at Sandy Island. Thank you to Valerie Miller and Greg DiBiaso for having a special Sunday afternoon sale at their wonderful store (Artitudes) and donating 20% of the sales to FUSN. Thanks to Finance Committee co-chairs Karen Bottar and Brian Gill for all of their hard work in pulling together the proposed FUSN budget for next year. And finally thanks to Laurel Farnsworth and her crew who spread a huge pile of mulch on the FUSN grounds: Jeannie Chaisson, Susan Coombs, Judy Curby, Judy Friedman, Doris Lewis, Jonathan Lilienfeld, George Martin, Maria Shewmon, Holly Zeeb.

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### ADULT LOAN LIBRARY

Calling for return of all checked-out Adult Loan Library materials. As we come to the end of this church year, we'd like to have all Adult Loan Library materials (books and DVDs) returned. Each of these items has an identifying label on it. Even if you aren't sure you've got any of these, please check, especially near the bottom of stacks of books.

We have two Sundays left in this church year -- June 2 and June 9. Please bring them to the Loan Library table or leave them in the Adult RE mail slot in the hall leading to the Parish Hall.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sometime during the last year it became apparent to me that I needed to become more educated and active in relation to the climate crisis. I was inactive, undereducated and in a state of despondent denial. Given that CO2 was fast approaching 400 ppm in the atmosphere, I was not satisfied with myself.

Maybe it was the succession of weather events that rocked the US. Maybe it was learning that the oil derived from 'fracking' was both seductive in its apparent abundance and destructive due to the collateral damage from such oil. Maybe it was from realizing that my carbon footprint was putting my children and grandchildren at significant risk.

It came together for me when I saw the [Do the Math](#) video shown at FUSN. It was simulcast at 900 churches across the US. If you have not seen it, I encourage you to go to [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) and watch it. Bill McKibben, the leader of 350.org, has summarized the numbers related to the climate crisis and issued a challenge to me and to others to wake up and join the movement to alter the path we are all on toward global warming. His organization has given us all a number of actions we can take to change what otherwise seems inevitable.

Several people within FUSN are taking concrete steps to educate us all about our choices, and these same people will be coming to you to hear your thoughts. Many of these FUSN members are on the Green Sanctuary Committee. They have visited the FUSN Board of Trustees and are engaging the Board of Investment at FUSN on this issue. As a result, a number of us are interested in exploring the question of divesting stocks associated with CO2 emissions from the FUSN stock portfolio. A number of colleges, universities and religious communities across the US are seriously contemplating this action. This tactic was previously successful in addressing societal concerns related to Apartheid and tobacco. In addition, I am also exploring whether my personal investments can become CO2-free as a way of pushing oil/coal companies to urgently change their focus toward sustainable energy sources.

Through all this I am reminded why I am a member of FUSN. Our community keeps me educated and helps me to find ways to translate my values and concerns into action. The climate crisis is not the first or last instance of this benefit that I get from FUSN but perhaps this topic is the most important to the children in my family and yours. -Jon Reuman, Board of Trustees

## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

**Leslie Barrows** - Leslie comes from a non-religious Jewish background and her husband Michael was raised Catholic. Life events over the past twenty years led Leslie to wish that she had received more of a religious or spiritual upbringing as a child in order to be better able to handle some of life's more difficult or surprising situations. The need to connect to something personally, as well as the desire to build a spiritual community for their daughter Sara, brought her to FUSN eight years ago when she enrolled Sara in the RE program as a kindergartener. Leslie has worked on the FUSN Services Auction Committee for the past few years, has taught RE, and is currently serving on the Nominating Committee. She spent a great evening with her daughter Sara this past December helping sell Christmas Trees, and they are looking forward to doing that together again this year!

Leslie grew up in Needham and currently lives in Newton. She worked in financial services for over twenty years and currently works part time as a cashier and volunteers for a local neighborhood association. She enjoys travel, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Most weekends in the fall and spring she will be found on soccer fields cheering on Sara and her teammates.

**Deborah Bennett & Neal Klinman** - Deborah Bennett and Neal Klinman have never legally changed their names, but with the arrivals of Joseph, Gabriel and Charlotte, they decided to adopt the moniker "The Klinetts." Deborah teaches Spanish and writing at Berklee College of Music while Neal teaches kindergarten at The Morse, a public school in Cambridge. Joseph and Gabriel attend the Conservatory Lab Charter School in Boston and are proud musicians--Joe on the cello, which he picked because it rhymes with jello, and Gabriel on voice for now with an eye toward percussion. Charlotte attends a Spanish preschool and takes dance lessons--she definitely has the music in her. As a family, they love playing outside in all kinds of weather (the children are all half-Oregonian), visiting family on both coasts, and jamming to the tunes of Amp Radio. They are excited to be part of a spiritual community where their different backgrounds can co-exist, and where families are truly welcome.

**Levere & Dorothy Hostler** - Dorothy and Levere have been UUs for about 50 years, and were married at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis in 1967. Before moving to Newton in March, 2013, to be close to their daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and her fiancée, they most recently lived in Wilkes Barre, PA. There, Levere taught physics at Wilkes University, and Dorothy earned a degree in English, also at Wilkes University.

## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS (continued)

**Laura Geoghegan Kellner** - Originally from Boston, Laura has lived in a variety of places, most recently in Rhode Island. Most of her work history has been as a museum educator, where she has taught school programs in American History, Multicultural History, Japanese Modern Culture among children, and the history of Native American Artifacts. She loves to cook, sew, knit, and make quilts, and describes herself as both a dog and cat person. "I am also addicted to books," she says. Laura is currently finishing her first year at Andover Newton Theological School, pursuing a Master of Divinity degree on a path towards ordination as a Unitarian Universalist minister.

**Marianne Mapes** - Originally from Ohio, Marianne attended Yale Divinity School where she met her future husband, the Rev. Rick Mapes, whom she followed around for the next 54 years to churches in Ohio, Florida and Connecticut. Along the way, Marianne started three pre-school programs and raised four children, two of whom are Cindy and Carolyn Mapes, active here at FUSN and a son, Rick, of Norwalk, CT and another daughter, Cathy Powers, of Painesville, OH. Marianne also has seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. She is enjoying getting to know the Boston area and the FUSN community!

**Carolyn Mapes** - Carolyn grew up in Ohio until the age of fourteen (minus one year in Nashville, TN) at which point she and her parents moved to Naples, FL. She attended Rollins College in Winter Park, FL and graduate school at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. After finishing her degree, she moved to New York City where she pursued a performing career. After 13 years in NYC, she decided she'd had enough and moved to the Boston area. From 2002-08, she was a professional soloist at various area churches in the Boston area (that's why she only came to FUSN in 2011). After a sojourn to Ohio and Oregon for three years, Carolyn returned to the Boston area in May of 2011. She is most happy to be at FUSN!

**Alex Muggah & Erin Reid** - Erin Reid, Alex Muggah and their son Cameron Muggah are pleased with the opportunity to join the FUSN congregation. "We are drawn to FUSN's commitment to community, social justice, personal growth and inclusiveness," says Alex. The family recently moved to Newton Center from Canada, having made the journey as a result of new jobs at Boston University (Erin) and Deloitte Consulting (Alex). Growing up, Alex was part of a Unitarian Universalist congregation in both Ottawa and Hamilton (Ontario). He is an avid soccer and ultimate frisbee fan, and likes to relax by cooking. Erin recently graduated from the Harvard Business School, and enjoys yoga, reading and travelling, and is looking forward to her introduction to a UU community. Cameron is a huge fan of trains and finger painting - and enjoys each evening when Mom & Dad (re)read his favorite books before falling asleep after an eventful day.

*More bios in next newsletter*

## CONNECTIONS

**Pre-Pride Parade Poster & Prop Prep Party** Sunday June 2, 11:45 - 2 p.m. Whether or not you can join the FUSN group at the Pride Parade, stay after coffee hour on June 2 to help us prepare. We'll have refreshments and poster-making supplies available. If you have ideas for a special prop that illustrates our UU identity, we'll get the supplies. email Kristin at member\_services@fusn.org.

**Boston Pride Parade** Saturday, June 8. Meet at 11 a.m. at the Arlington Street Church for the annual UU Gay Pride Worship Service. After the service, meet up with FUSN marshals Bobbie Sproat & Joyce Pollock to march in the parade. Sign up at the social action table or at <http://fusnsignups.ivolunteer.com/prideparade>, we'll send you details about meeting location.

**Monthly Lunch with Erin** - June 5 noon in the Alliance Room. Yes there is such a thing as a free lunch! Any and all are invited to join Erin for soup and conversation at noon on the 5th in the Alliance Room. Long-time members of the community and those who are retired are especially invited. Please let Fran know if you plan to attend or you need a ride so we will know how much soup to prepare.

## CONNECTIONS (continued)

**Join us on Saturday June 15** for a morning of work at the Greater Boston Food Bank. (We won't be going again until Sept.) Carpool from the FUSN parking lot, at 8:30 a.m. (note: this is a new time, because they are starting our shift a bit earlier). You'll be back a little after 1:00 p.m. Youth are encouraged to join us, minimum age is 14. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers (no sandals or open-toed shoes are allowed, for safety reasons). Please contact Judy Zacek, [see online directory] by Friday, June 14.

## NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

There will be two more Newsletters going out in June. Deadlines for the June newsletters are June 11 and June 25. 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.

**Deadline** for next newsletter is June 11, 9:00 a.m.

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