



FUSN News

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

May 19- June 1, 2013

SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:15 A.M

May 19 - "A Legacy of Love" - Rev. Erin Splaine

May 26 - Rev. Cheryl Lloyd

June 2 - Bridging Ceremony - Rev. Erin Splaine

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

Intergenerational service- 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 NOTE FROM ERIN

Our Monthly Lunch - I hope those of you who have joined me at our monthly luncheon have enjoyed our time together. Please join me for the last gathering for this year on **June 5** at noon in the Alliance Room.

Yes there is such a thing as a free lunch! Any and all are invited to join me 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.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Calling All Committee Chairs! Let the rest of the congregation know what a great time you had chairing your committee. The deadline for your submission to the Annual Report is Friday, May 31. Send your submissions to office@fusun.org. Thank you. The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, June 9** after the service.

MUSINGS

As we get closer to the summer months, I thought I'd let you know some of the musical happenings coming up:

Saturday, June 1, 8pm at FUSN: the Waltham Symphony Orchestra will play a concert to benefit Communities Without Borders. Conducted by Patrick Botti and featuring piano soloist Lois Shapiro, the orchestra will play music by Bach, Mozart, and Sarasate as well as a piece written by the conductor as a tribute to our friends and work in Zambia. Tickets: \$25 (To purchase tickets contact: psmith@igc.org)

June 19-23: General Assembly in Louisville, KY. I will be coordinating the music for the Church of the Larger Fellowship worship service on Friday, and Carolyn Mapes will be our soloist.

The Masterworks Chorale Summer Sings are a wonderful way to experience singing choral masterworks. The June sings are:

June 11: Brahms *Requiem*, Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

June 18: Mozart *Coronation Mass*, Michael V. Turner, conductor

June 25: Vaughan Williams *Dona Nobis Pacem*, Anne Watson Born, conductor

Saturday June 29, at FUSN: A benefit concert for the Pan-Mass Challenge bicycle ride. All of the proceeds raised in this event go toward cancer research at Dana Farber. The program is the Britten *Phantasy* for oboe and strings, the Dvorak Piano *Quartet in E-flat*, and the Mozart *Serenade No. 10* for 13 winds. The musicians will include members of the Boston and Atlanta Symphonies. Contact George Batchelor for more information about this event.

-Anne Watson Born

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One of the things your Board of Trustees did this year was to spend a bit of time, early in the year, thinking about a vision of what FUSN can be. In that process, one of the key things we identified was a desire for “an inclusive, growing community of vibrant connections sustained by active contributions of members.” That spirit was beautifully on display during the Coming of Age service this past Sunday, May 12. An inclusive sanctuary full of members and friends and family; connections being made through music, words, gestures, gifts and even (some) dancing; and the active contribution of essentially the entire community over the course of the year in bringing all these amazing “youths” (not to mention their parents, mentors, and teachers) across an invisible and yet extremely powerful threshold. It’s a ritual played out at FUSN every year and every year I experience an amazing sense of gratitude that all the necessary elements – tangible and intangible – seem somehow to fall into place. Once again, the song (sung so powerfully by the candidates themselves during the service) says it best:

you came to take us
 all things go, all things go
 to recreate us
 all things grow, all things grow
 we had our mindset
 all things know, all things know
 you had to find it
 all things go, all things go

May all things continue to do just this.

-Charlie Watts

BUDGET DRIVE RESULTS

You raised \$554,045 (95% of goal) in 335 pledges (92% of goal).

Many thanks to...

...Stewards, party hosts, testimonial presenters, and others: Dan Bancroft, Susan Bartlett, Jeannie Chaisson and Bob Persons, Alan Cody and Edith Moricz, Susan Coombs, Margaret Costello, Elli Crocker, Karen Davis and Randy Block, Barbara Deck, Suzanne DiCarlo, Bev and Tom Droz, Bill Duset, Bob Ellertsen, Vern Ellis, MaryLou Eshelman, Laurel Farnsworth, Barney Freiberg-Dale, Judy Friedman, Alyce Gowdy Wright, Eric Haas, Laurie Hackett, Allan Hartman, Anne and Ted Hess-Mahan, Lynne Holbein, Bill and Sandy Horne, Fiora Houghteling, Jerry Joyce, Curt Lamb, Mark Leicester, Bobbie Sproat and Jud Leonard, Jonathan Lilienfeld, Bonnie MacDonald, Bob MacWilliams, Liz Marshall and Catie Curtis-Marshall, Kate Mason, Jim Matthiesen, Kevin McCormick, Ellen and Carl Metzger, Naomi Olson, Kevin Osborn, Carol Reichert, Jon Reuman, Brenda Roberts, Pat Rohan,

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...Matching program founders: Meg and Bill Holland, Barbara Deck, and anonymous others.

...Fran Clancy, who supported our efforts and graciously handled everything we threw or dropped her way.

... Bonnie McDonald for all her support with the trainings, literature, and strategy.

...Everyone in the congregation who responded with support, both financial and otherwise.

What a community!

-Josie and Bruce, Budget Drive Co-Chairs

PRE PRIDE PARADE POSTER & PROP PARTY

It’s time to pool our Poster & Prop ideas so we can make a visual statement in the Boston Pride Parade about honoring the inherent dignity of people, respecting the interdependent web, and our other UU principles. Join us Sunday, June 2 in the Parish Hall right after coffee hour to make posters and other props to carry the following Saturday, June 8, in the parade.

Some folks have suggested we make a “Green” float using a garden cart or tricycle/bicycle. We haven’t had a person volunteer to design such a mini-float, but if someone will take the lead on that, we’ve got folks willing to help.

The theme for this year’s parade is: “Moving Forward...Proud, Strong, United. [This] represents the hardships that the LGBT community has persevered through and the drive to move forward together, [celebrating] worldwide inclusivity, equality and awareness” - (<http://www.bostonpride.org/prideweek>)

Email Kristin at member_services@fusen.org if you have an idea for a mini-float or another prop that will draw attention to FUSN's marching group, or if you’d like her to get some special materials for a particular prop that you will make on Sunday, June 2, during FUSN's Pre Pride Parade Poster & Prop Party. (Refreshments will be served).

Whether you can march with us in the June 8 parade or not, come to the Parish Hall on June 2 after coffee hour to help us make posters and other props to demonstrate our UU message.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

Christine & Saul Lookner & Zara & Georgia.

Christine, Saul and Zara started attending FUSN in January of 2012, and Georgia joined them shortly thereafter by entering the world in February of 2012. Since then they have discovered what a wonderful community this is, filled with plenty of people who love holding babies! Christine is the Associate Director of International Education at Bentley University, where she enjoys advising inbound and outbound students on the benefits of studying abroad. Saul is Director of Strategic Marketing at a West Newton real estate firm. Zara is an active 4-year old who loves music, dancing, and asking lots of interesting questions.

Dan Mausner. Dan spent his childhood in suburban northern New Jersey, and has lived in Baltimore and New York. With a Masters in Library Science, Dan has been an editorial worker in various industries. He is a longtime meditator in the Zen tradition, and a member of Cambridge Insight Meditation Center. Dan, 58, loves tennis, cycling, and listening to NPR. An amateur violinist, Dan plays chamber music. He also loves being 'in nature' and loves and supports the arts.

Erin & Chris O'Donnell & Carter. Chris, Erin and Carter O'Donnell are excited to join the FUSN community. Chris and Erin met while living in Colorado, although Chris was raised on Long Island and Erin in Indiana. Chris is a Project Manager in the Environmental Sciences field, making the world a cleaner place. Erin recently graduated with her Psy.D. and is a Post-Doc Fellow at Lynn Community Health Center. Carter, age 2, spends his days exploring the world, singing, and playing the guitar. Chris, Erin, Carter and Chasse, their dog, love to hike, camp and enjoy the outdoors. It is an honor to continue our journey with the FUSN community, which started in the spring of 2010. FUSN holds a special place in the wider world, where kindness and generosity of spirit are sacred values.

Matt Cuddy. Matt is an urban planner and mechanical engineer by training, and is currently a technology policy analyst at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center in Kendall Square. Mostly, that involves working with the Federal Highway Administration to plan future traffic management systems. His deepest vocational passions, however, are rooted in downtown economic revitalization. For fun, Matt coaches youth soccer, plays Rock Band drums, skis, and otherwise follows his son Jonah wherever his heart leads him. To stay sane, he also runs, trains with weights, and meditates occasionally. Matt lives in Newtonville and has been attending FUSN regularly since the fall of 2011.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS (continued)

Alice Wolpert. Alice has taken a long journey to Unitarian Universalism; after exploring the Baptist, Quaker, and United Church of Christ traditions, she says she is very happy to have found the First Unitarian Society in Newton.

Katie Naftzger & Rob Riethmiller. Katie Naftzger and Rob Riethmiller, along with their 6 year old daughter Chloe and 3 year old son Miles, began attending FUSN in November of 2012. Katie and Rob are psychotherapists in private practice. They say, "We have loved the thought, love and talent in the services. It's been incredibly invigorating and inspiring for us! The kids love their classes and it's become a wonderful part of our week."

SECOND COLLECTION

The 2nd collection on Sunday May 19 will be to support the UUA Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU UNO). The office is supported by individuals and congregations and not directly by the UUA. The UU UNO is our voice at the United Nations and just celebrated its 50th anniversary. It has UN consultative status and our representatives speak at official UN committee meetings. Our congregation has been honoring the United Nations by placing its flag next to the U.S. flag at the back of our sanctuary for decades symbolizing the UU sixth principle: "...world community with peace, liberty and justice for all."

Sandy Jones is our Envoy and Alex Marks-Katz is our Youth Envoy to the UU UNO. Alex attended the annual Spring Seminar in April at the UU UNO's office across the street from the UN in NYC. This 3 day event brings youth and adults from all over the U.S. and Canada each year to discuss global issues such as immigration, women's rights, gender rights and climate change. The office has been in a leadership role forcefully moving the UN toward a strong position on these issues.

We hope you will support this aspect of our larger role in the world with a generous contribution. We urge you to join us in the Alliance Room after the May 19 service at 11:45am for a forum about the UU UNO. Several of us who have been involved directly with the UU UNO and other UN groups will be there to talk about the activities of this organization. This will be the topic for the first part of the Council on Social Action meeting which will serve a light lunch of soup and bread. Bring your coffee, and we will have additional delicious refreshments.

VESPERS

Join us Sunday, June 9 for a **Vespers service** on this month's theme of gratitude. FUSN members will read poems they've selected. Vespers offers quiet music and reflection to ease us into the week ahead, and into our ever busier lives.

CASH YOUR CHECKS

Please note that, per our financial policies, FUSN will not honor, after the end of this fiscal year (May 31, 2013), any uncashed checks that it has issued which have a date that is more than a year prior to May 31, 2013. If you have received a check from FUSN within the last year and have not cashed it, please cash it if you still have it and it is less than six months old. If you do not still have it or the uncashed check that you have is more than six months old but less than a year, please see Fran to arrange for a new check to be issued.

OUTDOOR TENNIS

Outdoor tennis on Saturday mornings, mostly FUSN, mostly doubles, mostly guys, has started its 32nd year. If you think you might like to join us, please call Bob Ellertsen at [see the FUSN directory].

THANK UU'S

Brian Burba, Jamie Freed, and Dana Hanson for leading this amazing Coming of Age Class of 2013 through their journey. Your dedication to these youth and unbelievable commitment to all the aspects of the program was greatly appreciated.

Colette Doyle and Treff Lafleche for spending so many Sundays teaching Our Whole Lives and giving this group of youth life skills they will use their entire lives.

Wendy Atamian and Marc Kaufman for teaching Comparative Religions and opening up the Coming of Agers to new perspectives.

Coming of Age Mentors for all your time guiding the youth.

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