



FUSN News

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

May 31 - June 13, 2015

SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:15 A.M

5/31 - Rev. Erin Splaine

The theme for June is Play

6/7 - Laura Wagner

6/14 - Flower Sunday - Bridging Ceremony
Baby Dedication

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

All services at 9:30 a.m., in the FUSN Parish Hall, tea and lemonade after the service. There are no services on July 5 or Sept 6.

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 29. Send your submissions to office@fusn.org. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

There will be two more Newsletters going out in June. Deadlines for the June newsletters are June 9 and 23. 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.

RE CONNECTIONS

Our lifespan religious education program runs with volunteers. Our Religious Education Sunday is May 31, when we are celebrating the wonderful year we've had and honoring our incredible volunteers. Teaching is a way that people make connections with other people in the congregation, deepen their own faith, and play an important role in the lives of our children. It has been a blessing to know and work with so many fine leaders this year!

In the year to come, I am excited to share that we will be expanding our offerings of Our Whole Lives, the lifespan sexuality program developed through a partnership between the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ. This important program offers people of all ages a chance to learn about and instill respect for their bodies; to explore healthy relationships and understand one's own boundaries, and to discuss the possible consequences of one's decisions. Our bodies are sacred, and as a covenantal faith, how we relate to each other is essential. For more information on this program, please check out www.uua.org/owl.

-Rowan Van Ness

CALLING ALL SENIORS

FUSN will honor all graduating high school seniors on Sunday June 14 with a Bridging Ceremony. This is a Unitarian Universalist tradition marking the transition from childhood to adulthood. All graduating seniors who are interested in participating should contact Mandy Beal (mandy@fusn.org) no later than June 7.

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

Board of Trustees: Gregg DiBiao, Cathy Morocco, Bobbie Sproat, *Chair*, Jonathan Reuman, Jacki Rohan, Lesley Sneddon, Alison Costello and Becca Lozinsky, *Youth Reps*.

Operations Council: Susan Bartlett, *Chair*, Jeannie Chaisson, Judy Curby, Laurel Farnsworth, *Vice Chair*, Anne Hess-Mahan, Andrea Kelley

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FROM THE BOARD

As our FUSN year draws to a close, the Board of Trustees is scrambling to accomplish its many year-end obligations. It's been a challenging year on many fronts, and we are grateful for our congregation's members' steadfastness and willingness to pitch in when called upon.

A special shout-out goes to our dauntless Annual Budget Drive team of David Morocco, Linda Rinearson, and Urban Larson. In the face of a set of extraordinary difficulties, and in a year in which many congregations have experienced disappointing pledge drives, these volunteers rose to the challenge, raised the average pledge, and brought the budget drive in at 95% of their goal. We all owe them our thanks for making it possible for our FUSN family's budget to remain healthy, if a bit trimmed. If you're interested in hearing more specifics about the budget, please join Brian Gill for a Q and A in the Alliance Room this Sunday, May 31 after the service.

Because of the aforesaid "many year-end obligations," I'll keep this short. We have three remaining Sunday services in our regular "church year," with the final, Flower service on June 14.

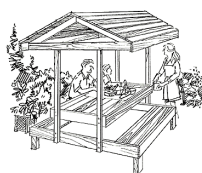
In addition, we have one more important opportunity to come together on Sunday June 7 after the service. First we'll get to socialize at the Annual FUSN BBQ, over "our usual array of tasty burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers with trimmings and soft beverages," courtesy of our tireless volunteer Pat Rohan and his grilling crew.

Immediately following, we will gather for the more solemn business of conducting our Annual Meeting of the congregation. All people who have been FUSN members for at least 30 days are entitled to vote on the business of the Society, including our budget for the coming year and elections. We look forward to this culmination of our year's work as your Board of Trustees. And yes, we also look forward to a period of rest and renewal over the summer!

See you on June 7!

-Bobbie Sproat

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.

NEW MEMBERS

We Welcome the following New Members! On Sunday, May 17, we were delighted to welcome the following new members:

Bethany Allen
Daphne Blount
John Brennan
Barbara Brousal-Glaser
Lorenz Glaser
Joan Caplan
Kelley and Grant Hauber
Brooke and Devon Welles

MUSINGS

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

This Saturday, May 30 at the Newton Free Library: **Strike a Chord**, an all-day music festival, featuring every conceivable type of music presented by all sorts of Newton artists. The day will include: an honor choir of 7th, 8th and 9th graders from the city, a trio from the All-Newton Music School, and students from NNHS and NSHS. **And** our own Geoff Wadsworth at 2:00 pm: **X17** is a band focused on preserving and interpreting great tunes from last 50 years with material ranging from Marvin Gaye and Steely Dan to Dr. John and Morphine. Merging at the intersection of Rock, Funk, R&B and Jazz, the seasoned pros, teachers and students of old school who make up X17 come from diverse musical backgrounds and influences. Band members include John Clark, guitar and vocals; Jeff O'Neil, bass and vocals; Clif Stoltze, keyboards; Bert Syms, percussion and vocals, and Geoff Wadsworth, saxes, harmonica and vocals.

The **Masterworks Chorale Summer Sings** are a wonderful way to experience singing choral masterworks. The sings are held in air-conditioned splendor at Noble and Greenough School; information at <http://www.masterworkschorale.org/cms/index.php?page=summer-sings>

June 16: Fauré *Requiem*, Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

June 23: Vaughan Williams *Dona Nobis Pacem*, Danica A. Buckley, conductor

June 30: Poulenc *Gloria*, Anne Watson Born, conductor

July 7: Mozart *Requiem*, Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

July 14: Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

July 21: Verdi *Requiem*, Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

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.

MUSINGS (continued)

Thursday June 25, 8:00 p.m., at FUSN: The 10th annual **benefit concert for the Pan-Mass Challenge** bicycle ride. The concert is a fund-raiser for oboist Joel Bard's ride in the Pan Mass Challenge, which benefits Dana Farber. The musicians include members of the Boston Symphony, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the Lydian String Quartet, as well as a number of top local freelancers. The featured pieces will be Mozart's Serenade in c minor for wind octet, K. 388 and the Schumann Piano Quintet Op. 44. There will also be a selection of songs by Hugo Wolf.

You may purchase tickets by making a donation at <http://www2.pmc.org/profile/JB0264>. \$25 for adults, \$10 for students. There will be a list of donors at the door. We also accept cash or checks at the door (no credit cards).

All of the proceeds raised in this event go toward cancer research at Dana Farber. Contact music@fusn.org for more information about this event..

-Anne Watson Born

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.

Judy Friedman, 617-325-9886
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Thom Theara, 617-849-4711
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CLOSING OUT THE YEAR



A Big Day of Year End Events!

Just a reminder about the year end events at FUSN on Sunday June 7. Right after services we will have the Annual FUSN Barbeque. The barbeque will be followed by the Annual Meeting at 12:30 to elect officials for next year, vote on the budget and conduct other important FUSN busi-

ness. Childcare will be provided. So you can enjoy some tasty (and free) treats, 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.

VESPERS

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.

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