



FUSN News

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

November 10 - November 23, 2013

SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:15 A.M

11/10 - Rev. Erin Splaine

11/17 - "We Are Not Just a Single Story"

Rev. Cheryl Lloyd

11/24 - Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service

Guest at Your Table envelopes will be distributed Sunday Nov. 24 and collected Sunday Dec. 22. This supports the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. UUSC strengthens workers' rights, defends civil liberties and preserves the rights of people affected by disasters. Gifts of \$100 or more are matched by the UU church in Manhasset, NY.

FUSN 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.

| Name | Home # | E-mail |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Jay Flynn | [see the FUSN Online Directory] | |
| Judy Friedman | [ditto] | |
| Cris Goldsmith | [ditto] | |
| Kathy Hearn | [ditto] | |
| Jud Leonard | [ditto] | |
| Cindy Orrell | [ditto] | |
| Thom Theara | [ditto] | |
| Gail Yeo | [ditto] | |

A NOTE FROM ERIN

We Need You

A few years ago the Lay Ministry Team and I attended a day-long district-wide workshop which opened with these words: "You will be cared for and you will be called upon to care for others." That simple and elegant phrase is the mission statement of a Lutheran Church in Minnesota and could easily be ours as well.

There are many ways we care for each other and in turn receive care when we are in need. One easy and yet important way we each can make a difference in the life of our congregation is by being part of our Care Crew. The Care Crew, facilitated and organized by our Lay Ministry Team, responds to short-term needs of members of our community, including making meals, running important errands and/or giving rides to and from FUSN or a doctor's appointment. By signing up for the Care Crew you are saying that you are willing to be called on to help if a need arises. Because our lives are busy and in constant flux, we know that there might be times when members of our Care Crew cannot respond to a particular need which is why the more people who are part of the Care Crew the better.

Being part of the Care Crew is a quick and easy way to build connections across our congregation. If you would like to add your name to the list of Care Crew volunteers please contact any member of our Lay Ministry Team. November's Lay Minister of the month is Jud Leonard (see Online Directory).

Staff: Erin Splaine, *Minister*, Cheryl Rubin Lloyd, *Community Minister*, Fran Clancy, *Administrator*, Perry Montrose, *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*, Maura Hess-Mahan, *Beadle*.
Board of Trustees: Cathy Morocco, Jonathan Reuman, Bobbie Sproat, *Vice Chair*, Strom Thacker, Charlie Watts, *Chair*, Ann Woodbury, Michael Costello and Maura Hess-Mahan, *Youth Reps*.
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FROM THE BOARD

Growing Our Ministry

How do we grow as a Society? By creating a vision, working together toward it and periodically asking, What's working well? How can we grow further? When Erin came on board, we promised that in her third year we would review our "ministry." Our FUSN ministry is a shared one that includes the Society and Minister working together on creating a caring spiritual community.

This week you received a Call for Volunteers (including self-nominations) for a new Ministry Review Committee. Supported by the Board, the Committee will facilitate conversations within several lay leadership committees, focusing on two or three areas of high interest to our congregation. The conversations will identify the congregation's and the minister's strengths and areas of growth and will identify how the congregation and minister work as a team. The results will be valuable to all of us and will be shared when the Committee's work is complete.

Please read the Call and consider nominating yourself or someone else to serve on a five-member committee from now until June, 2014. This will be a lively and fascinating way to serve the congregation and get to know our work better. Contact Ann Woodbury with questions and/or a nomination: [Online Directory].

-Cathy Morocco, Board of Trustees



The Tree Team has begun planning for FUSN's annual sale of Balsam Firs for your holiday decorating. In case any newcomers are reading this: we set up a lot in the back yard of the church complete with lights and signs, and sell trees to FUSNites and the general community. All the set-up, sales, and clean-up are handled by volunteers from the congregation. It's a lot of work, a lot of

fun, and a significant fund raiser for the church.

Beginning Nov. 10, we will have a table at coffee hour every Sunday, where folks can order and pre-pay for trees—receiving a \$5 discount in the process—and sign up for a shift on the sales lot. The trees are scheduled to arrive this year on Dec. 3—mark that date on your calendar—and we will be open for business starting the weekend of the Holiday Fair.

HOLIDAY FAIR

The Holiday Fair is Saturday, Dec 7. We need your hands and hearts to make this holiday event a success. Volunteer to help out. Projects include: fair set up, working at a table or cleaning up, the more hands the merrier! Tables include books, baked goods, wreaths, jewelry, fair trade coffee, gifts, silent auction, toys and games, children's activities, sit-down hot lunch, quilt raffle, attic treasures, and live music! To volunteer: contact Sheila Ardery at [Online Directory] or sign up during coffee hour. New this year. Sign up online with [ivolunteer!](http://fusnsignups.ivolunteer.com/holidayfair2013) Its easy to use <http://fusnsignups.ivolunteer.com/holidayfair2013>. Watch the FUSN list serve for more event updates. Donation dates:

- Sunday, Nov. 30 Last date for Silent Auction items.
 - Sunday, Dec. 1 (after service) - Donations for attic treasures, books & gift table accepted.
 - Thursday, Dec. 5 - Last date for appraisal of donated jewelry.
 - Friday, Dec. 6 - Set up begins.
 - Saturday Dec. 7 – Bring in your donated baked goods. Yummm!
 - **Dec. 7 - Come to the Fair!** 9:30 to 3:00 – Get Your Holiday Shine On!
 - Sunday, Dec. 8 - Fair continues for FUSNites only; Trader Jackie's gourmet meals will be sold.
- Calling all interested musicians!** We looking for spirited musicians to fill the Parish Hall with song and sound! If you would like to reserve a block of time during the fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, to share your musical talents, contact Lois Shapiro, [Online Directory]

THANK UUS

Ferry Beach Thank UU - Thank you to all the volunteers who made the FUSN Ferry Beach Columbus Day retreat such a success! A big shout out goes to Rachel "Julie McCoy" Yee whose energy and excitement was contagious and kept everything going smoothly. We would like to thank Ruth Boyd, Kate Carney, Curran & Alan Crosby, Bill Duset, Karen Edwards, Jim Frances, Judy Friedman, Brian Gill, Stu Gladstone, Allan Hartman, Geralyn Horton, Hattie & Patty Kerwin-Derrick, Barbara Zepp Larson, Siena & Jenny Lerner, Mark Leicester, Cindy Mapes, Aiya, Larry & Macy McKinney, Rekha Nigam, Mindy Scharlin, Katherine Smillie, Kieran & Sandra Teare, Norm Thibeault, Rod Thomas, Alice Wood, Solace, Tom & Truman Yee and Judy Zacek. We apologize if we have inadvertently left anyone out.

MUSING

As the busy season kicks into high gear, here are some of the upcoming events which involve FUSN members and friends:

- Nov. 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 p.m., **Newton South Lab Theater**: PG-13, a mashup of 10' plays.
- Nov. 16, 8:00 p.m.: **Newton Choral Society** presents Schubert's *Mass in A-flat*, paired with the gorgeous *Alto Rhapsody* by Brahms and *Thanksgiving Day, 1861: One Vacant Chair*, which was composed in 2003 by Pacific Northwestern composer Bern Herbolsheimer. Holy Name Church, West Roxbury.
- Sunday, Nov. 17, 4:00 p.m. Newton Highlands Congregational Church at 54 Lincoln Street: **Newton Family Singers** "We Got the Beat!"
- Dec. 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m.: **Newton North Freshman Cabaret**.
- Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.: **Poulenc Gloria with Deborah Selig**, soloist and Anne Watson-Born conducting the Harvard pro Musica. Harvard Unitarian Church, Harvard, MA.
- Dec 7, 3:00 p.m. and Dec. 13, 8:00 p.m.: **Jameson Singers** present "Gladness of Heart: A Holiday Concert", including Carson Cooman's "Love Came Down at Christmas".
- Dec. 16, 8:00 p.m.: **Carson Cooman's An Heavenly Song** (2013) for TB voices and organ; commissioned for the 103rd Annual Christmas Carol Services, The Memorial Church, Harvard University, premiered by the Harvard University Choir, Edward Elwyn Jones, director.

And, closer to home, your FUSN musicians are busily preparing music for our worship services:

- Nov. 10: the **Men's Choir** sings traditional spirituals and music by Stephen Stills.
- Nov. 17: the **Women's Choir** sings the exquisite open harmonies of the shape note hymn tradition, the **Flute Choir** plays some well-known American music, and Creationdance will also perform.
- Nov. 24: the **Intergenerational Chamber Orchestra** will play music by Schubert and lead us in one of the hymns at our multigenerational Thanksgiving service.
- Dec. 1: the **flutes** return with some Gaelic tunes.
- Dec. 8: "Awe... and Wow" - **Music Sunday**, featuring Vivaldi's exuberant *Gloria*, with orchestra, soloists, and the choirs of FUSN and First Church and Parish in Dedham.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you interested in learning more about the New Testament of the Bible? Second Class starts Nov. 12 This fall we continue to participate in the field tests of the Dickinson Series: Exploring the Bible. This third course, Introducing the New Testament, is similar in scope to the previous two courses, with some attention to other works—including gospels, letters, and other writings—that were not included in the New Testament but that were important in the early church. All you need is a bible to read from as we read and discuss material presented in each session. A study bible is useful, but not necessary. Six sessions, in the Alliance Room on various Tuesday mornings 8:00-9:30 a.m., Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 3, 17, and Jan. 7, 14 Facilitator: Ellen Porter Honnet Room. Please contact me if you're interested in this morning opportunity, as we need to photocopy the correct number of participant packets. Just send me an email that you would like to attend by this coming Friday the 8th and I will bring you the course materials on Sunday at church, or arrange to drop them off for you (fee of under \$20 for the written materials- I will know the exact amount once copying is done). Those who have signed up already are also copied on this email so reply only to me please. Ellen Porter Honnet, home phone [Online Directory] if you have questions.

15th Annual Boston Transgender Day of

Remembrance: Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Cathedral Church of St Paul, 138 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02111. Please join us to remember those lost in the last year to anti-trans* violence and suicide, including our own Donna Ostrowsky, who grew up in FUSN and died this summer at age 27. For more information: www.masstpc.org/tdor

Care for the Caregiver: Finding the Strength and Resources You Need as a Caregiver. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 to 9:00 pm Facilitators: Eileen Freiberg-Dale, Holly Haynes, Kate Mason. All of us who have been called upon to care for a loved one, friend, or relative have experienced the emotional and physical stress of balancing care with other parts of our life. Ironically this intensity of care giving, once it begins, may leave little time or inclination to seek help or perspective on how to balance these demands. Join us for a most interesting panel discussion on this subject, facilitated by FUSNites all experienced in care giving and supporting those who are caregivers. How to work with other family members, what resources in the community can help and how spirituality can support a caregiver, will be among the topics explored. We will explore the challenges that caregivers typically face and how they meet them. This will be a one-evening session with a follow-up if there is sufficient interest. No registration required.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Join us on Dec. 15 for our 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: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 23, April 13, and May 18.

VESPER SERVICE

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

FUSN ART SHOW



Our FUSN Art Show is Sat., Nov. 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – and Sunday, Nov. 10 from coffee hour to 4:00 p.m. Featuring 15 FUSN artists, this is our 1st show in 3 years and offers a wide variety of mediums: jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, quilts, and much more! Wonderful gifts & keepsakes - plan your holiday shopping! Plus 25% of all sales to benefit FUSN! Questions? bevdroz [Online Directory]

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