



**THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF MIDDLEBOROUGH**

25 South Main Street, Middleborough, MA 02346

www.uumiddleboro.org

July/August, 2015

SUMMER SERVICES

Please join us for our lay-led Summer Services. All services start at 9:00 a.m. and are held at the church except for the service on August 2, which is held at the Soule Homestead. Services are less formal versions of our regular services and last approximately 45 minutes.

June 28: Jeff Stevens
Hymn Sing-A-Long with Susan Hotchkiss

July 5: Frank Girard
Video of GA Service Recording

July 12: Laura Stevens
Lessons from El Paso

July 19: Bill Sherman
Race Relations and White Privilege

July 26: Greg Stevens
Simply Pray

August 2: CUUPS
Circle at the Soule Homestead

August 9: TBD Brendan Conroy

August 16: Chris Korben
Connecting, Disconnecting, and Reconnecting

August 23: Andrea Priest
Circle of Healing Music

August 30: Alice Williams
*Lessons Learned from Living Life in the
Brain Tumor World*

Minister's Meditation

As of this writing, my heart is heavy for the parishioners of Emanuel AME church in Charleston, South Carolina, and the seemingly never-ending eruptions of violence sparked by racism and a will to act on it. Truly, left unanswered, this is the constant erosion of our civilization. It is vitally necessary that we grapple with racism in ourselves, our communities and our nation. In the coming year, your volunteers, staff and I will be creating worship, education and action experiences centered around "Embracing the Stranger" in a soul-searching effort to understand how fear of diversity plays a part in our lives, and how we must respond to it in every aspect and every place in no uncertain terms.

Thank you all for a wonderful year, and I look forward to joining you at Ingathering, September 6.

*Yours in faith,
Rev. Sarah*



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The church administrative offices are located at 40 North Main Street, Middleborough.

The phone number is 508-923-7757.

Chris's Comments

Summertime. When I was a child, summertime went on forever. Even as a child it was a busy time - filled with swimming, bike riding, horses, neighborhood games of "Ditch-em," lawn mowing, reading, badminton and sleepovers with friends. My childhood summers were blessed with opportunities to figure out what I enjoyed and what I was passionate about.

Many of you are aware that the horses have remained in my life as one of those things I am passionate about. They certainly feed my soul.

What feeds your soul these days? Summer can be a great time to explore that. There are numerous concerts - Saturday nights at Soule Farm, weekdays in Government Square, Fridays on the Green in Taunton. There are increased opportunities to be outside - for walks or bike rides, or to be at the beach. Some take time to read things that they have not gotten to read (at the beach or in the yard). Some people feed their souls and their bodies by gardening. People sail and kayak and paddleboard. Some collect stamps or write poetry or prose. What feeds you? Not the salad or ice cream - but the thoughts and activities and dreams? What feeds your spirit?

If the idea of "feeding your soul" is foreign, consider what are you passionate about? Teaching? Reading? Theater? Tennis? Golf?

If you really don't know or don't have something you care about, summer provides opportunities to learn more about yourself. Is there something you have always wanted to try? There are more and more camps for adults where you can explore. UUs have opportunities at Ferry Beach and Star Island to nurture their spirits. Topics at our summer services may inspire you.

Or you could talk to people who do have passions that you are aware of. Most of us love to talk about the things that feed our souls. If sailing calls to you, talk to someone who sails. Think horses might be your thing? Talk to me or the other horse lovers you can meet at the church. (I know who they are, do you?) Ask people about their passions.

I encourage you to find your passion to improve the quality of your life. I hope at least one of your passions will be to make First UU Middleborough the best place it can be for everyone who needs it. I'd love to hear about what you are passionate about or the explorations you are making. What would you passionately like to see happen at 25 S. Main Street - this summer or next year? You can e-mail me at president@uumiddleboro.org or talk to me face to face.

In Faith,

Chris Korben, President

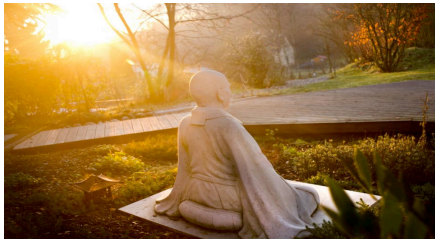
GREAT NEWS!



The Cash in the Plate for the month of March went to the YMCA to assist children to be able to attend Camp Yomechas in Middleboro. Our Society collected \$987 (rounded up to \$1,000 by Marc MacQueen) from the congregation specifically for this purpose.

Our timing was perfect!! The YMCA has a 100% (up to \$5,000) match going on through June 19. Our check to the YMCA was given to them in time to have your donations matched.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



INSIGHT MEDITATION

Led by Tom Tanguay

Friday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Insight Meditation is the practice of clear seeing. This is a wisdom path of self knowledge, a way of living more than a meditation technique. With breath and body focus, we begin by steadying the mind. We learn to acknowledge, accept and appreciate this body and mind just as we are. As we see more clearly, we are able to choose more wisely how and what to do or not do.

Open to those interested in regular practice and presence with others on this path, we envision twice monthly gatherings beginning in the fall.



GIANT YARD SALE

Joining the
KRAZY DAYS Festival On Our Grounds
Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Collect your donations now:

housewares, kitchen stuff, sports stuff, children's goods, furniture, tools, etc.

If possible, please hold on to your treasures until **July 25**. Please do not store any Yard Sale donations in the Sanctuary. ***Donations may be collected in the Fireplace Room after July 25.*** Sorting will take place in the Parish Hall for the next two weeks leading up to the Yard Sale.

We need volunteers to help with sorting, setting up, selling, and cleaning up. Contact **Dave Berman** or **Nancy Backus**.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in learning more about all aspects of church life? Check out these workshop opportunities for 2015 - 2016. Let me know if one catches your eye. Scholarships are available.

Rev. Sarah

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION NEW ENGLAND REGION PROGRAM LINEUP



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LATE SUMMER / FALL 2015

- Real. Good. Embodied. Worship.** (BCD, MBD)
- OWL Facilitator Training for Grades 7-12** (2x Walker Center, Newton MA)
- Staff Team Start Ups** (2 Locations TBD, online)
- RE Start Ups** (MBD, online)
- Strengthening Congregational Justice Ministries - Best Practices** (CBD, NNED, online)
- Radical Preemptive Inclusion: Welcoming 3.0** (MBD)
- Welcome to your Interim / Developmental Ministry** (2 Locations TBD, online)
- OWL Facilitator Training for Grades K-1 / 4-6** (Walker Center, Newton MA)
- Renaissance Module: Ministry with Youth** (Walker Center, Newton MA)
- UU Class Conversations** (MBD)

WINTER 2016

- Welcome to your New Ministry** (3 Locations TBD)
- Stewardship 202: Current Trends and the Future of Stewardship** (BCD, online)
- OWL Facilitator Training for Grades 7-12** (2x Walker Center, Newton MA)
- Renaissance Module: Philosophy of RE** (Add on to NARL)

SPRING 2016

- **Raising Spirits, Raising Hands: Changing Patterns of Volunteerism** (CBD)
- **The Full Time Church with Part Time Staff** (BCD, NNED, online)
- **OWL Facilitator Training for Grades 7-12** (Walker Center, Newton MA)
- **G.R.A.C.E. Summit** (Location TBD)
- **Congregations Choosing Their Future and How They Do It** (BCD, NNED, online)
- **Renaissance Module: TBA** (Walker Center, Newton MA)
- **Spiritual Gifts of Serving the Aging Church** (CBD, NNED, online)
- **Congregational Relevance: The Trends, The Realities, The Choice** (Location TBD)
- **Income Beyond the Offering Plate** (online)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

On June 14 we had a wrap-up service for our Black Lives Matter unit. The children acted out the *The Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss, and I shared my ‘real-life’ take on the story called *White-Bellies, Black-Bellies: the story of America in Black and White*.

At the end of the service, we took some time to ponder what we had learned, and we shared these thoughts on post-it note stars that the children then stuck to a board at the front of the Sanctuary.

There are too many to include everyone’s thoughts here, so I have listed the thoughts of some of the children as written on the stars:

“I learned that bad things are still happening.”

“I hope that one day African Americans will be treated as equals.”

Brynn Stevens

“All children should be able to play with whomever they want to.”

“In the future, No-one will be discriminated against.”

Hope Lownds

“I think Black Bellies and White Bellies should be equal.”

“I am proud to be part of a community that focuses on improving lives for all.”

“BLACK, WHITE! SO WHAT! WE ARE ALL ONE PERSON, ALL IN ONE HOME.”

“PEACE”

“Color doesn’t matter.”

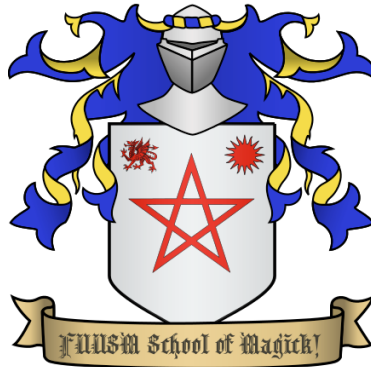
Our future is in our children, and one of the most important things we can do as Unitarian Universalists is to help grow adults who can think, love, and respect others. We will be continuing this work next year, so please consider signing up to teach, even if it is just for one or two sessions. *Please see the next page for more information.* You, too, can make a difference!

Juliet Donaldson, Director of Religious Education

2015/ 2016

JOIN US FOR A YEAR OF MAGICAL EXPLORATION AT THE
FUUSM SCHOOL OF MAGICK!

**Volunteers
Required!**



**Sign Up
Today!**

SEPT / OCT

MAGICK!

Explore the Magick of Pagan traditions with a Harry Potter twist.

NOV / DEC

"THERE'S A DRAGON ABOUT: A WINTER'S REVEL"

Help out with our fun and exciting traditional winter solstice pageant.

JAN / FEB

JESUS AND THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES

Learn more about this amazing teacher from a UU perspective and wonder if Jesus were alive today would he be a UU?

MAR / APR

OUR SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND MEANING

Become a Seeker and help us explore our fourth principle, a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

MAY / JUN

MYSTERY SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT

Join in the fight against the life-sucking Dementors of poverty, inequality and injustice

For more information or to volunteer email Juliet Donaldson (dre@uumiddleboro.org)



JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor (Recycle Week)	3	4 
5 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	6	7 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall	8 7:00 p.m. Satsang, Off Site	9 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	13	14 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall	15 6:00 p.m. Parish Committee, Parish Hall	16 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor (Recycle Week)	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 p.m. Program Calendar Meeting, Parish Hall	20 7:00 p.m. CUUPS, Parish Hall	21 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall	22 7:00 p.m. Satsang, Off Site	23 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	27	28 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall 6:30 p.m. Expansion Committee, Parish Hall	29	30 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor (Recycle Week)	31	

WHERE ARE YOU RENEWING YOUR SPIRIT THIS SUMMER?

Check out the following camps, retreat centers, and institutes:

Rowe Camp & Conference Center, Rowe MA: <http://rowecenter.org/events.php>

Star Island, Portsmouth, NH: <http://starisland.org/registration/2015conferences/>

Ferry Beach, Saco, ME: <http://www.ferrybeach.org/2015-summer-conferences--camps.html>

More information on summer programs can be found at <http://www.cu2c2.org/>.



AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Soule Homestead	3	4 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall 6:30 p.m. Expansion Committee, Parish Hall	5	6 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor	7 Krazy Days Yard Sale	8 Krazy Days Yard Sale
9 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	10	11 Rev. Sarah Returns 9:00 a.m. Church Office Reopens 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall	12 7:00 p.m. Satsang, Off Site	13 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor (Recycle Week)	14	15
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30 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	31					



PARISH CARE

Pastoral Care help is available to assist with meals, transportation, emergency babysitting, and hospital visits during illnesses or other family emergencies.

We are a diverse, active and caring community; and we welcome your questions and your participation. You are always invited to call or visit our minister to discuss any matter of concern to you.

Pastoral Care:	Susan Curtiss Janet Walkden
Meals:	Pam Levine
Rides:	Tricia Tummino
Cards:	Chris Korben
Caring Choir:	Valerie Fontaine
Prayer Shawls & Blankets:	Juli Gould

COFFEE HOUR

The new budget does not have all the funding needed for coffee and supplies for coffee hour. Cream and milk alone cost \$7 - \$9 per week, and the average donation collected per week is \$6. Coffee alone costs more than \$300 a year, and we love our coffee!



How can you help? Please put money, as you can, into the donation basket at coffee hour, bring in non-perishable boxed milk, or buy gift cards to the supermarket for any amount.

For the goodies, you can sign up on the bulletin board.

Thank you for your support.

The Hospitality Committee



- Tuesday, August 11:** Rev. Sarah Returns
Church Office Reopens
- Sunday, August 16:** September Newsletter Deadline
- Sunday, September 6:** Ingathering

PARISH COMMITTEE

President:	Chris Korben
Vice President:	Amanda Huggon-Mauretti
Treasurer:	Marc MacQueen
Assistant Treasurer:	Eileen Smith
Parish Clerk:	Holly Begley
R.E. Liaison:	J. R. Pucillo-Dunphy
Members At Large:	Nancy Backus David Berman Brendan Conroy Christine Hoyle

FOOD PANTRY

Evalyn Buczek handles our congregation's food pantry donations. There are baskets in the Parlor in which you may place your donations. She will deliver items to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry as the baskets fill up.



OUR BROADCASTS

Our worship services are videotaped and broadcast over local cable television in Middleboro on Comcast channel 95 and Verizon channel 35. Visit:

<http://vod.mccam02346.com/cablecast/Public/Show.aspx?ChannelID=4&ShowID=2>

Middleboro:

Sunday & Monday:	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Thursday:	4:00 p.m.
Friday:	3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.

Our worship services are now broadcast over local cable television in Lakeville on Verizon channel 32.

Lakeville:

Sunday:	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday:	10:00 a.m.
Saturday:	6:00 p.m.





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MUSIC MUSINGS



Thanks to all of you who contributed through May Cash in the Plate towards the Summer Studies Scholarship Program for music volunteers. Your generous donations raised \$580, enabling the Music Committee to award six scholarships to worthy applicants pursuing a variety of music workshops and lessons. Special thanks to **Valerie Fontaine** (chair of the Music Committee) for her organizational skills in helping us continue the dream: *Building a Musical Community*.

In addition to the six individual scholarships, we are offering a Vocal Workshop facilitated by **Murray Kidd** on **Saturday, August 29**, starting promptly at **10:00**. In preparation for the workshop, the first choir rehearsal of the season will be the prior **Tuesday (August 25) at 7:00**. If you want to attend the workshop but are not a member of the choir, please let me know for planning purposes.

The Music Committee will resume monthly meetings on the first **THURSDAY of each month, starting September 3 at 7:00**. We welcome new members – please contact **Valerie Fontaine** if you are interested in joining the group. It will be an exciting fall season with concerts **October 18** (UCC Abington) and **October 25** (FUUSM.) We are joining forces with **Mortimer Barron's** church to put on two concerts featuring choirs, hand bells, organ, piano, the works. Mark your calendars now: **October 25 at 3:00 at our church**.

Have a great summer – see you the end of August!

Susan Hotchkiss, Director of Music