

# THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH



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July/August, 2017

## SUMMER SERVICES

Summer Services begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

**July 2: Frank Girard *General Assembly***

Frank will be showing the 2017 GA Sunday Service from the week before, edited down to just the sermon and not the whole service, usually about an hour.

**July 9: Tanya Trzeciak *Impermanence***

The topic this Sunday will be impermanence. It will range from change of the seasons to change in the political world.

**July 16: Chris Korben *Privilege***

Privilege is difficult to notice when you are the one with the privilege. There are many privileges that those of us living in the US, in Massachusetts, in SE Massachusetts and in white skins take for granted. Come to help us discuss how we can leverage our privilege to make life better for some of the people who don't have the privilege we do.

**July 23: Wayne Christian TBD**

**July 30: Barry Simon *Music***

Music is the answer. Come to this service to find out what the question is. Guest musicians will be the Starry Night Band.

**August 6: CUUPs *Celebrating First Harvest at Soule Homestead, Middleboro, at 9:00 a.m.***

Lughnassadh or Lammas is a celebration of the gifts of the Earth. We will be honoring Mother Earth and all that she provides for our well-being. Since it is a harvest celebration, we will be sharing what we harvest. We ask that those in attendance bring something to share with others. Baskets will be provided for fruit, veggies, flowers, herbs, baked goods...whatever you feel you want to share. After the service, all are asked to take something from the baskets and thank nature for the gift. **There is no worship service at the church this morning.**

**August 13: Norm Grenier *The Occult & Science: Carl Jung's View***

In our scientific age, instances of "strange happenings" are quickly tossed into the trash heap of fiction. However, Carl Jung, the Swiss psychologist, had a different view. He asserted that the irrational, simply because it was irrational, deserved a closer look. Come this Sunday and see what his close observation of unusual phenomena discovered and the doors it opened. Today's service will be conducted by Normand Grenier, a long-time student of Jung and an advanced student at the Jungian Institute of Ontario.

**August 20: Andrea Priest *Healing Songs***

This summer service will bring you words by Anne Lammott from her newly released book, *Hallelujah Anyway*. The service will be intermingled with our own hymns from the UU hymnals. The theme will be from a workshop Andrea attended at the Rowe Conference Center, *On the Breath of Song: The Practice of Bedside Singing*. Andrea will explore how our hymns, which can be used for bedside sings, "can bring comfort, open the heart, quiet fear and offer grief a place to rest." Participants can join in on the singing seated comfortably or just listen to the sounds and experience the healing songs can bring.

**August 27: Juli Gould *Tea Party***

Juli Gould will be presenting a tea party with sample tea party fair. She will also talk about the traditions and history of tea parties in colonial America along with the history of the Oliver House. The Oliver House is a historic property recently acquired by the Town of Middleboro in an effort to preserve it.

**September 3: *Hymn Sing (tentative)***

## *MINISTER'S MEDITATION*

*We've come to the end of my sabbatical, together again after a time of self-discovery and commitment. It has been good, but it hasn't been easy. I am grateful to you for supporting my time away. I am most particularly grateful for those who made sure church happened:*

- to all who worked together to create worship and exploration,*
- to all who provided us care and guidance,*
- to all who kept things running with consideration and attention to detail.*

*I am blessed to have staff who can take the reins with security and competence. I am blessed to have colleagues, particularly our Minister Emerita, Rev. Tricia Tummino, who can minister to grieving families and help me to heal as well with beautiful and heartfelt memorial services.*

*My time studying with Rev. Gary Smith and at the South Shore Arts Center was rich and eye-opening.*

*I am rested and renewed, and I can't wait to rejoin with you in the common pursuit of our faith and our mission.*

*In faith,*

*Rev. Sarah*

*My summer schedule is as follows:*

*Monday, June 19, through Thursday, June 22 – General Assembly in New Orleans*

*Sunday, June 25 - Safe Congregation Conversation*

*Tuesday, June 27, through Friday, June 30 – in the office*

*Saturday, July 1 – begin study leave*

*Friday, July 7, through Friday, July 14 – vacation*

*Saturday, July 15, through Thursday, August 3 – study leave continues*

*My vacation time in August is still to be determined.*

*We have a wonderful Sunday summer series lined up for you, and don't forget our Service Auction Open House at 83 South Main on September 3! Alan is cooking, so you know it'll be good.*

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



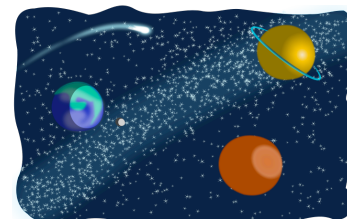
### **Myles Standish Summer Picnic - Saturday, August 5**

Please join us for our annual summer get together at the nearby Myles Standish State Forest. There'll be food, games and swimming. Stay tuned for more information.

### **A Long Time Ago in a Galaxy Far, Far Away**

Next year's theme will be Star Wars with three age groupings:

- Younglings (Grade 2 and under, including preschoolers)
- Initiates (Grade 3 - 6)
- Padawans (Grade 7 - 10)



**Younglings:** Will learn about an alien race called Univarians who live on a tiny blue planet in the middle of the Milky Way galaxy called "E-Arth"

**Initiates and Padawans:** Will train to be Jedi Knights covering the following topics on their yearlong journey:

1) **The Force Awakens:** Discover the essentials of the Jedi order, Star Wars and the Force with Obi Wan Kenobi.

2) **Force for Change:** Become a force for change with Padme Amidala as we raise money to help children all over the world via our Tricks and Treats for UNICEF event.

3) **Return of the Light:** Bring light to the world with Luke Skywalker and our Winter Pageant exploring themes of Darkness and Light.

4) **The Return of the Jedi:** Walk the Noble Eight-Fold Path of Buddhism with Yoda.

5) **A New Hope:** Become Peace Ambassadors with Qui Gon Jinn as we explore our 6<sup>th</sup> principle, World Community with Peace, Liberty and Justice for all.

6) **Revenge of the Sith:** Explore the dark side of the force with Anakin Skywalker (AKA Darth Vader).

7) **The Rebel Alliance:** Join General Leia Organa and the Rebel Alliance as we explore democracy and freedom of conscience (5<sup>th</sup> Principle).

More information will be coming as we get closer to September.



I hope everyone has a fabulous summer break,  
*Juliet Donaldson and the RE Committee*



## SUMMER MUSIC MUSINGS



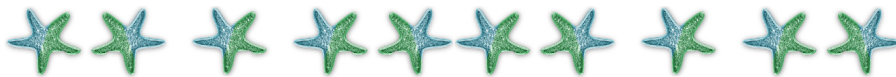
From September into June, our church musicians are busy with the demands of weekly music-making for worship services, programs, concerts, rehearsals, and (in our church) venturing forth with caring choirs. So many times, I jot a note to myself: study this, try that, listen here, go there — and summer is the *delicious* time when I explore my list and try music that doesn't necessarily have an apparent or immediate purpose. Most of us need this slower pace to hone our talents, pick up some new ones, and enjoy studies without “performance” pressure. This summer I'll be attending the Massachusetts Conference of the American Choral Director's Association – there will be star-studded presentations, choral reading sessions, conducting workshops, and lots of ideas for growth.

Building a Musical Community is an ongoing goal of our music program – and this means helping members and friends experience music on a deeper level. Music has a power to transform lives, and that's what we're all about. Thanks to the Parish Committee, our music program is once again the recipient of the May Cash-in-the-Plate. The Music Committee has just awarded scholarships to eight church-family musicians who want to do some summer studies. We will also host a singing workshop in August and a fall concert in October.

The Chalice Choir will begin weekly rehearsals again on August 29. This group meets every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 and sings for worship every other Sunday starting September 10. We welcome new singers – please contact me if you are interested.

Thanks for a great year - I hope to see many of you at Summer Services!

*Susan Hotchkiss*, Director of Music  
[music@uumiddleboro.org](mailto:music@uumiddleboro.org)



### **THE EXAMINED AND DELIBERATE LIFE: AN INTROSPECTIVE BOOK GROUP**

This past spring, we had the first small group ministry experience with *The Examined and Deliberate Life: An Introspective Book Group*. It was largely successful, so participants have decided to continue with the experience this fall. We are inviting others to journey with us as we venture into the second half of the book, *The Endless Practice: Becoming Who You Were Born to Be*, by critically acclaimed spiritual teacher and author Mark Nepo.



The group will be meeting for 5 - 6 sessions every other Saturday starting **September 16, 2017**. We'll meet in the parlor from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

**\*\*\* We are welcoming new participants. \*\*\***

Pre-registration is required.

Please direct questions or RSVP to

Nicola Wilbar ([nwilbar@gmail.com](mailto:nwilbar@gmail.com)) or Chris Korben ([chriskorben@gmail.com](mailto:chriskorben@gmail.com))

## 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
Meals:	Dody Adkins-Perry
Rides:	Tricia Tummino
Cards:	Chris Korben
Caring Choir:	Valerie Fontaine
Prayer Shawls & Blankets:	Juli Gould

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## SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

Our congregation supports the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. Among items most needed are: peanut butter and jam; canned tuna, salmon and mackerel; cold cereal - bran flakes, cheerios, kix, etc; powdered milk, dry hot cereal mixes - oatmeal, farina, cream of wheat, etc; granola bars, whole wheat and graham crackers, dried fruit, boxed pasta and noodle mixes, canned beans, vegetables and fruit; ketchup, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, honey, microwavable meals, canned meats, staple meal items and toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant and baby wipes. No expired items, please. Place your donations in the baskets located in the parlor.

Please consider planting an extra row for the food pantry when planning your gardens. Thank you.

*Evalyn Buczek*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, August 8:** Church Office Reopens  
**Sunday, August 20:** September Newsletter Deadline  
**Sunday, September 10:** Ingathering

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## REMINDER

Please remember that if you or your group is the last one to leave the church, check and make sure that all the lights are off, all the doors are locked, and all the windows are closed. Thank you.

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## PARISH COMMITTEE

President:	Bob Waterman
Vice President:	Barbara Bancroft
Treasurer:	Pam Davis
Assistant Treasurer:	Marc MacQueen
Parish Clerk:	Holly Begley
R.E. Liaison:	J. R. Pucillo-Dunphy
Members At Large:	Nancy Backus Bill Howe Eileen Smith Laura Stevens

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## OUR BROADCASTS

Our worship services are videotaped and broadcast over local cable television in Middleboro on Comcast channel 95 and Verizon channel 35. You can watch the service any time online at <http://bit.ly/1CLvEmm>.

### Middleboro:

Sunday & Monday:	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Thursday:	4:00 p.m.
Friday:	3:00 a.m. & 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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## FACEBOOKS POSTS

Did you know that when you "Comment" or "Like" a Facebook post from First UU Middleboro, the comments go back to Maria Pucillo-Dunphy or to others who commented or liked the post. When you "Share" the item, it goes out to the larger Facebook community, and lots more people will see it.

Please "Share" the Facebook posts to help other people to find our great church. They need us, and we need them.

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*JULY*  
*2017*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 	5	6 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Spirituality Group, Minister's Office	7 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Sangha Meditation Group, Parish Hall	8
9	10	11 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall	12	13 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Spirituality Group, Parlor  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Satsang, Minister's Office	14 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Knitting Group, J. Gould's Home  (Recycle Week)	15
16	17	18 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall	19	20 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Spirituality Group, Minister's Office	21 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Sangha Meditation Group, Parish Hall	22
23	24	25 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall	26	27 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Spirituality Group, Parlor  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Satsang, Minister's Office	28  (Recycle Week)	29
30 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship Service, Parish Hall	31 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> CUUPs, Parish Hall					

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		10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall		7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office	6:00 p.m. Sangha Meditation Group, Parish Hall	Annual RE Party, Myles Standish
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Soule Farm		9:00 a.m. Church Office Reopens  10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall		7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Parlor  7:00 p.m. Satsang, Minister's Office	7:00 p.m. Knitting Group, J. Gould's Home  (Recycle Week)	
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9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Parish Hall	6:30 p.m. Investment Team, Minister's Office	10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall  7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal		7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office		

## CUUPS

CUUPS will not be meeting for rituals or discussions during the month of July, and there will be only one meeting during August - August 6 for the Lughnassadh Ritual at Soule Homestead (see front page).

### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

**October 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**

**First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro Parish Hall**

**GATHER THE WOMEN, SAVE THE WORLD**

### **Urgent Message from MOTHER**



There is much that is broken in our world today, and time is running out if we are to reverse current trends in order to save the planet. It is thought by many that if we are to make this shift in time, it will be the women who lead the way by bringing their inherent feminine gifts of compassion, wisdom, intelligence and fierce Lioness love.

Join Sandy Smiley and Natalie Johnson for an exploration of these ideas based on the work of Jungian psychologist Jean Shinoda Bolen.

We will discuss ways in which we can summon our wise women wisdom and join together to answer the Earth's cries for help.

\*\*The use of the term "feminine gifts" may apply to those men who are in touch with their inner compassion and wisdom as well .....all are needed and all are welcome.

Your Mother is calling.....

