



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

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SUMMER SERVICES

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

July 7: Cornelia Voorhees *"K" at Birth, She Became a Ward of the State. Later I Enter.*

A presentation of Cornelia's work with her from ages 5 to 8, including DVD. We probe the question: what is required for self-identity?

July 14: Laura Wagner *Confronting the Climate Crisis Together*

The climate crisis is rooted in injustice. It will take more than technocratic solutions to create the change we need. Laura Wagner will share the vision of UU Mass Action, the work of the Mass Power Forward climate coalition, and the ways in which you can get involved.

Laura Wagner, MSW, Executive Director of UU Mass Action, is our guest speaker this morning. Mass Action is the State Action Network for Unitarian Universalists in Massachusetts. Laura has been a Unitarian Universalist for more than 25 years.

July 21: Natalie Johnson *Active Hope & Sacred Activism*

As UUs we tend to be invested in making our world a more equitable and just place for all and to work hard to protect the environment and foster a deep love and spiritual connection to the natural world. As impassioned people the current state of affairs can often be difficult to face, and it is easy to feel overwhelmed and disheartened. The temptation to just tune it all out is strong, but when we do so we cease to be effective in a world that needs every one of us to be spiritual warriors every day.

Drawing upon the works of Joanna Macy in her book *Active Hope* and Andrew Harvey in *The Hope - A Guide to Sacred Activism*, I will explore specific ways of thinking as well as practices we all can incorporate into our daily lives that will protect our emotional well-being while empowering us to be more effective in bringing about the change we need to be in our world today.

July 28: McKayla Hoffman *Building Bridges*

McKayla Hoffman, developer of the Building Bridges program at Star Island in New Hampshire, is our guest speaker this morning. McKayla discusses how the conference went and what the momentum/fall programming will look like.

August 4: CUUPS *Lughnassadh Ritual at Soule Homestead*

We invite you to join us at beautiful Soule Homestead, 46 Soule Street, Middleboro, as members of CUUPS celebrate Lughnassadh or First Harvest in our annual outside ritual. We have been thinking lately of the importance of Place and the relationship we have to the land we inhabit. A deep connection to Place is something that all our ancestors shared with indigenous peoples everywhere. Pagans and Native Americans alike regard the natural world and its "other than human" beings as sentient and sacred. This year we have created our ritual to honor the ancestors of those who originally inhabited the land we know as Soule Farm as well as the spirits of the land itself. We seek to incorporate elements of native medicine and ceremony without infringing upon their unique spirituality but in the spirit of sharing the reverence and deep love for the natural world that we hold in common. *We ask that you bring an offering of vegetables, fruit, honey, bread or flowers from your garden or a local farm to share in a giveaway.* Ritual will be held rain or shine. All are welcome. **There is no service at the church this morning.**

August 11: Kelly Lownds, DRE *The Power of Language*

How we talk about people and problems has a significant impact on our understanding of those people and problems, from children to adults. Let's take time to talk about language, how we use it, and the meaning behind what we say and the words we use.

August 18: Andrea Priest *Season to Season*

The summer is coming to a close, and autumn is not far behind. Join Andrea in the Sanctuary as she invites us through song and poetry to reflect on our transitions from season to season.

August 25: Vi Fairweather *Seeking the Source of Abundance*

If it is important only to contribute from the space of abundance, where is abundance found? Do we need to be open to give as well as receive abundantly?

September 1: Sarah Person & Susan Hotchkiss *Hymn Sing*

Join us for a good old-fashioned hymn sing with a focus on gospel traditions.



SUMMER MUSIC MUSINGS



Summertime, and the "living" is totally different than the rest of the year! Warm weather and long days bring an outdoor focus of bright colors, gentle breezes, and BIRDSONG. Such a treat to have a bit less structure to the routine, especially after the excitement of a new piano for our church, a bigger-than-ever choir, more musical offerings from our talented teens, and a generally ramped up program. Time to be a bit lazy. Time to explore new music, hone skills, dream outside the box.

At the end of our nice summer's nap, Valerie Fontaine will once again host our annual choir party at her home on Tispaquin Pond: Saturday, August 24, from 1:00 to 5:00. Tuesday evening rehearsals for the Chalice Choir will start up again on August 27. This group meets every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 and sings for worship every other Sunday starting September 8. We welcome new singers - please contact me if you are interested.

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

Susan Hotchkiss music@uumiddleboro.org



Thank you to everyone who made this year a success! I was grateful to be the Acting DRE this church year and grateful to everyone who contributed inside and outside the classroom. We had some great actors,

This year we will explore nature and nurture. We will spend our year exploring our relationship with nature, ourselves and our wider community.

We can't do a good job without everyone in church pitching in to support our program! What can you offer to our youth? Are you willing to teach a session for 4 to 6 weeks, substitute one or two times during the year, offer a special project, become part of the RE Committee? Please email me at dre@uumiddleboro.org to let me know you are interested. I will be reaching out to everyone to ask for any help people are willing to give.

Kelly Lownds, Acting Director of Religious Exploration

LAKEVILLE ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Lakeville Arts & Music Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, October 5**. For many years, we have run a food booth, and it is a good fundraiser. We need a committee of team leaders to run this event. We have notes of the details if that would be helpful. The teams could be

- Set-Up/Supplies
- Soup Making
- Food Donations (soliciting from church members)
- Staffing Schedule for the day
- and Clean-Up.



Many of these tasks can be done by email, and this committee would not require many meetings. We need volunteers to work together to create this great outreach event. Over the years we have created good systems that work, and we have the equipment (tents, warmers, etc.). Please let Rev. Sarah (minister@uumiddleboro.org) know how you can help. Thank you.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Summer Dates: **Mondays - July 15 and August 19**
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Book Club will continue meeting through the summer on the third Monday, 5:30 to 6:30, in the Parish Hall. Carleen Loper has library copies of each title available if you would like to join us.

July 15: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

August 19: *Everything is Horrible and Wonderful* by Stephanie Wittels

Email Carleen for more info: carleenml@aol.com.



REMINDER



Over the summer, 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 and all the doors are locked. Thank you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 13

Sunday, August 18

Sunday, September 8

Church Office Reopens

September Newsletter Deadline

Ingathering

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p>			<p>6:00 p.m. Sangha Meditation Group</p>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Parish Hall</p>		<p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p>		<p>7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Satsang, Off Site</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Sangha Meditation Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Knitting Group, J. Gould's Home (Recycle Week)</p>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			
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AUGUST

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				7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office	6:00 p.m. Sangha Meditation, Parish Hall	
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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FAMILY QUEST

<https://www.questformeaning.org/programs/familyquest/>

Our spiritual journey begins at birth and continues throughout our lives. Whether you are looking for a structured weekly program to do with your children or whether you want ways to answer spontaneous religious questions, Family Quest invites people of all ages into exploring and learning on the journey.

We offer a wealth of materials for families about Unitarian Universalism and its many sources. The Church of the Larger Fellowship offers resources to help you bring strong faith development right into your home. Explore the resources here and then, if we can offer any further help, please feel free to contact Lynn Ungar, Minister for Lifespan Learning at lungarclfu.org.

Our goal is to help you carry the flame of our rich faith tradition into the home. Here at CLF, we are never alone in the quest to raise our children to be strong Unitarian Universalists.

