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LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

FACILITATED BY REV. DENIS MEACHAM

Friday October 21, 3-5 PM

and Saturday October 22, 10 AM-4 PM

at the Meeting House

This workshop will formalize the lay ministry that already occurs in our community. Many of you are already an important part of the shared ministry at the Meeting House. Small Groups and individuals have long since cared for and helped each other.

The present Pastoral Care Team's duties include many that are organizational in nature: organizing meals to shut-ins, as well as collations after Memorial services, sending cards to members and friends, as well as visiting those in hospitals, nursing homes, or at home. They meet on a monthly basis. This group would now include both the Pastoral Care Team and Lay Ministry representatives.

All Lay Ministry volunteers would take on many of the same duties such as preparing meals or food for collations, visiting members and friends, providing transportation, and the like. They would meet with the Pastoral Care Team perhaps on a quarterly basis. They would widen the caring circle that already exists at UUMH, making sure that everyone has the care and attention they need and want.

Denis has written a book on Lay Ministry and will draw heavily from this as well as his wide experience to give us all some training, some skills, some support in our caring for our community which will make the experience more rewarding to all.

Please call Sue Bauer at 945-3264 or Melissa at the office 945-2075 by October 16 to sign up for the training.

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VISION STATEMENT

We, the members and friends of the UUMH, strive:

To apply UU principles in our daily living, social actions, and community service;

To nurture a safe community that encourages intellectual, spiritual, and religious freedom and celebrates all the passages of life;

To welcome diversity and pluralism as essential for our connection with all humanity;

To provide fellowship, friendship, and fun, and to support a creative artistic and musical environment;

To sustain and promote a vital religious and spiritual lifespan education program.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

October 2 Atonement Rev. Edmund Robinson

As we approach Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, what does it mean to atone? If there has been a serious offense, can anything we do make us "at one" with the one from whom we are separated?

October 9 Journey to here Rev. Edmund Robinson

Islam considers its beginning to be the hejira, or journey of Mohammed and his followers from Mecca to Medina. This church marks its beginning with the October 1996 journey down Crowell Road from the Creative Arts Center to the building which became the Meeting House, fifteen years ago. What are we become in those fifteen years?

October 16 Resonances Rev. Edmund Robinson

One common wording of covenant in UU churches asserts that the goal of religious life is that we grow into "harmony with the divine." Pythagoras taught his students to listen for the harmony of the spheres. What is it to resonate physically and does this carry over into spiritual resonance?

October 23 The City in the City on the Hill Rev. Edmund Robinson

For Association Sunday, we pause to appreciate the guidance of the Association and the benefits we receive from the strength of other congregations.

October 30 Wizards in the Making Rev. Richard M. Fewkes

What does it take to make a good minister and a good congregation? It takes "wizards in the making", a catchy title for the Sunday before Halloween.

Who's Preaching this Month

Rev. Richard M. Fewkes has been a member of UUMH in Chatham since 2003. He is Minister Emeritus of the First Parish in Norwell, Mass. where he served from 1969 to 2000. He was Interim Minister at the First Parish UU Church, Bridgewater, for a two year period, 2000 – 2002. He resides at his home on Cape Cod in West Dennis and is a grandfather to 8 grandchildren.

Sightings

the Rev. Edmund Robinson

Fall has officially begun, but I need to begin this column with a look back at the summer and a big thank-you to all those who helped put on the summer events: the Thrift Shop, the magician shows and the summer concert series. While many churches have low activity during the summer months, summer is when we get going! That is a function of the tidal flow of people into and out of this end of the earth. Chatham's population swells from 7,000 to 30,000 in July and August and the church tries to keep pace.

I also want to thank all the church members who made the September 11 interfaith service at the Methodist Church such a moving and successful event. Our own Frank Toppa showed himself as a master of the Methodists' great new organ, Jacqueline shone on their Bosendorfer piano, and our choir members did us proud. I have been given the title of chair of the Chatham Clergy Association, and I hope to put on more interfaith events like this in the future.

Speaking of the town Clergy Association, we are starting a campaign to raise awareness and raise funds for the labyrinth which we want to build in Chase Park as our gift to the town for the 300th anniversary. Rev. Anne Bonney, who is spearheading this project, is in Chartres, France, right now getting training on labyrinths. We will have an educational event on October 19, which will start at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, where a cloth labyrinth will be laid out, and proceed to the site at Chase Park. You are all invited to attend.

Looking ahead, there is a calendar issue that we have been discussing at the Worship Services Committee, and we decided we wanted wider input on it: Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. We assume that the congregation wants to have the usual Christmas Eve service on the 24th, Saturday night, but what are your wishes for Sunday morning? If we held services, would anyone come?

It strikes me that many or most of us are tied up with family on Christmas morning, but there may be some who are not, or some who could persuade their family to come to church. We could have a Yankee Swap gift exchange as part of the service.

Right now I see three possibilities, but you may see more: (1) a fairly conventional Sunday morning service with sermon at the usual time; (2) a service focusing on gifts, with singing of seasonal songs other than the carols we will have sung the night before, maybe a little later in the morning; or (3) a service in mid-afternoon after everyone has unwrapped her presents at home and had Christmas dinner. I welcome your feedback on this issue; you can phone or e-mail me your comments.

Speaking of feedback, this is a good time to remind you that there is a special group set up in the church to give feedback to the minister: the Ministerial Relations Committee. We just welcomed a new member on this committee, so if you have any concerns you'd like to get back to the minister, first I encourage you to contact me directly, but if not, you can talk to Bob Twiss, Ann Diggs or Ann Eldridge. Their job is to collect feedback and give it to me. By the way, there is apparently a question among some people as to the best way to get in touch with me. E-mail (edmuund@gmail.com) is fairly reliable, and I generally check it several times a day either from my computer or my cell phone. My cell phone (617-710-0508) is a good way to reach me when I'm away from home, but it doesn't have coverage where I live. So I encourage you to first try my home number (508-945-4827). I don't mind getting church calls at home. I'd rather get your call than have you frustrated about needing to tell me something. And if something is not particularly urgent, you can leave it on my office phone (508-945-4282).

Let's stay in touch.

Blessings,
Edmund



NEW UUMH WOMEN'S GROUP

Several women at the Meeting House have expressed interest in starting a Women's Group at the Meeting House. (The name of the group is open for discussion!) Gail Eldredge has graciously offered her home for a meeting for those who would be interested in creating such a group.

Charlotte Edgecombe will moderate a meeting at Gail's on Tuesday, October 11 promptly at 7 PM. Gail lives at 9 Old Comers Rd. in Chatham. The "business" part of the meeting will last one hour with conversation and refreshments to follow.

The group will have a definite structure to help carry it along. There will be an elected set of officers and an amount set for yearly dues. Anything else is possible! Ideas to be discussed include day and time of meetings - frequency of meetings - programs - mission/purpose - location of future meetings - and anything else you want to bring up! Sponsorship of speakers, music, crafts, cooking, book discussions, tea party, whatever excites you.

We will make sure you can get to this first meeting and later meetings as well. We want every woman at the Meeting House who might be interested to help us explore the possibilities.

Please come join your friends in helping to create a new, vibrant, and fun group!

Plan to come? We need to have the correct number of chairs! Call Charlotte Edgecombe at 508-394-3360 or Sue Bauer at 508-945-3264. Directions? Need a ride? Questions? Ideas? Call Charlotte or Sue about these things as well.

COMING OF AGE FOR SENIORS

This program will have its first meeting Monday October 17 at 3 PM and will meet the Third Monday thereafter until May. It is designed to help us reflect on the aging process and our spiritual growth. We will be using a book recommended by Dick Fewkes: *From Age-ing To Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older* by Zalman Schacter-Shaomi, Warner Books, 1995. I have ordered several copies from Amazon. I welcome participation from those who go away in the winter. We will try to set up a phone connection or possibly a Skype hookup so that people can participate in the discussions when they are not physically present.

One of the aspects of this class is to formulate a credo, a statement of what each of us believes with respect to ultimate matters. I want to plan a worship service in May at which we will read those credos. I will serve as facilitator, but I hope that a large part of the direction of this group will come from members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US



THE MEETING HOUSE IS CELEBRATING ITS 15TH YEAR THIS MONTH. SEE PROGRAM COUNCIL NEWS ON P. 6 FOR DETAILS.



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Electric Kitchen

The month of August had to be skipped because of hurricane Irene, but hopefully we will have a profitable sale on September 25th. Baked goods or fresh garden produce accepted as long as it does not need to be refrigerated (per Board of Health). The EK is held the fourth Sunday of each month. Apples will be the theme for October, so let's all go through our recipe boxes to find our favorite apple recipe, and, of course, apple pies are always a hit.

Tea by the Sea

A very successful and delightful tea was held at the Wequassett Resort on September 18th. Along with the tea was a talk by an Osterville couple, Donna and Ron Lasko. Grateful thanks go to Stephania and Jamie McClennen who donated the venue and catering for this event and to Priscilla Smith who volunteered to play the harp. Beautiful music, an informative and interesting presentation, and delicious tea and tea fare all contributed to an afternoon to remember.

My personal thanks to my committee: Elsa Bastone, Sue Bauer, Bobbe Bernard, Bonnie Brydges, Jean Mangiafico, Karen Nickerson, Paula Raye, Betsey Stevens, Gail Tilton, Jennifer Ukstins and Liz Van Wye. Thank you also to Bob Redding, Gail Eldredge, Marion Harcourt, Liz Sjogren, Linda Redding and Melissa Clayton, for their assistance. It takes many hands and lots of time and cooperation to put together an event such as this, and the above mentioned people all worked together towards the goal of being able to help the Meeting House financially, while offering a wonderful day for everyone who attended.

Proceeds from the tea of close to \$3200 will benefit the operation and programs of the Meeting House.

Joyce DeVoe

Note: Barbara Waters has posted photos from the tea on our website. Please go to uumh@uumh.net and check them out!



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift shop has closed for the season. It will reopen again in May. The final total for the summer is \$28,173.05. A big thanks to all who have helped make it a banner year.

Mary & Mary (Chesnut & Parsons!)



AND THE THANKS OF THE MEETING HOUSE ESPECIALLY TO MARY AND MARY AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

Having a goal is a state of happiness. (E J Bartek)

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS UUMH BYLAWS

We are updating the UUMH bylaws to incorporate various amendments added over the past several years. Other changes are also possible. The following changes for your review include:

- Age of voting and associate members
- Membership resignation and removal
- Voting
- Number of Trustees (7)
- Council
 - Special meetings
 - Standing committees
- Moderator
- Treasurer
- Board of Trustees
 - Budget deficit
 - Administration
- Nominating committee
- Committee on Ministry

A bylaw meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday October 5th at 1:00PM** in the Fleck Room. Copies of the updated September 2011 bylaws are available for your review and editing. It is planned to vote on the revised bylaws at the June 2012 annual meeting.

Walter Diggs



PROGRAM COUNCIL

Thank you to all who have stepped up to the plate and signed up to Host and Usher. There are future dates that need to be covered, so please check your calendars and keep the UUMH running on Sunday mornings!

Mark your calendars for the annual UUMH ingathering cook-out! This year it will be a "cook-in" on Monday **October 10th at the South Chatham Village Hall. 3 to 6 PM.** Come and reconnect with your UUMH friends and celebrate our 15th anniversary at the UUMH, and our 25th anniversary as a Fellowship! More details to follow.

Sally Davol

Follow your bliss. (Joseph Campbell)

QI GONG

Our usual 8:30am Monday QiGong practice group will meet through the fall and winter in the Fleck Room. Those participants who would like to be a part of our Qi Gong Demonstration during the planned November worship service with a "Healing" theme should let Jennie Makihara know that they are interested in participating and should plan to come regularly to the Monday morning practice sessions between now and then.

We are also holding a QiGong practice session on Fridays from 9-10am through October 21 at the waterfront home of Ann Wallace in Chatham. Please call Jennie Makihara 508-776-8450 or Ann Wallace 508-432-4421 if you need directions.

Our Qi Gong healthy exercise group is open to all members of our community. Drop-ins are welcome. Suggested donation is \$5-\$10.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Breakfast for our overnight guests



Through the generosity of our members, we continue to provide breakfast the fourth Monday of each month for the six men staying at the Methodist Church overnight. This is a very small and simple way we can contribute to their overnight stay in Chatham. The breakfast is simple but nutritious, and they are grateful for the good start on their way back to Hyannis Tuesday morning.

If you would like to participate, and have not been called in a while, please call Betsey Stevens at 945-2858 and volunteer.

UUMH CLASSIFIEDS *(Please email Sue Bauer with your "ad" at ralphb1234@cs.com)*

*** Chatham Fixit. Need a handyman? For small odd jobs, call Ralph Bauer at 945-3264. Reasonable rates.

*** Beacon Hill, Boston apartment for rent. Our studio on Revere St. is available for rent daily, weekly & monthly. Fully furnished. Kitchen, queen bed and sitting area. Call Dwight Wilson for more information and availability. (508) 240-3426 or (508) 776-3157.

*** Private **PCA** (Personal Care Attendant) (Daughter of Harmon & Ann Diers, UUMH)

- * Friendly, mature, professional 53-year-old female
- * Appointments, errands, grocery shopping
- * Cooking, light housekeeping, laundry, companionship
- * Business/organizational skills (domestic, office, computer)
- * CORI approved
- * Reasonable Rates (lower than company agencies)

Please contact Cindy Smith any time at: 774-722-2611

JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dave and Robin Hubbard have a new granddaughter, Evelyn Robin Nicholas, born September 4. She is the first child of their daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Joel who were married at the UUMH in 1999.



DIRECTORY CHANGES

Sybille Colby's new address is:
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 415 Central Park West Apt. 9A
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 Her cell phone: 508-237-3059
 Her email: sybillecolby@gmail.com

Sue Taylor's new address is:
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 Seattle WA 98107



UUA-BCD NEWS

October Workshop
 Facebook for Congregations
 Saturday October 22 9AM-2PM
 All Souls Church, Braintree
 Workshop presented by Peter Bowden will share strategies for integrating Facebook into ministry, communications, and outreach.
 \$30. Pre-registration required at
<http://facebookforcongregations102011.eventbrite.com>

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

- October Birthdays
- 2 Robin Hubbard
 - 4 Kim Howard
 - 7 Terry Eldredge
 - 11 Dolly Howell
 - 12 Nancy Taft
 - 13 Lee Fuller
 - 14 Barbara Birch
 - 18 Dick Eccles
 - 23 Hank Kellogg
 - 24 Sue Bauer
 - 26 Kara Howard
 - 26 Melissa Clayton



- October Anniversary
- 9 Adele Gorelick and Jill Karpf

THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB

We will meet Monday, October 17, 2011 in the Fleck Room to discuss *Buffalo Soldier* by Chris Bohjalian.

All are welcome to join us. Call Sue Bauer with questions at 945-3264.



Square & Contra Dance

The next Square & Contra dance will be held on Saturday, October 22 at the South Chatham Village Hall.

Dance begins at 8PM. Beginners are welcome to come at 7:30. \$10 suggested donation

Musicians and caller to be announced.

Come one and all for a fun evening!! No experience needed.