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ANGEL FUND

Once again, it's time to reach out and help provide a joyous holiday for a Chatham family. As we did last year, there will be a tree but no gift suggestions. Your monetary donations will allow us to purchase clothing and specific Christmas wishes for the children of a local family.

We hope you will be generous and trust us to buy some great gifts! Please give your monetary donations to Sue Bauer or Gail Eldredge or send a check to the Meeting House with Angel Fund on the memo line.

The Children's Fund would like our gifts by the end of November, so please contribute by Thanksgiving. Some holiday spirit a little early!

As always, many, many thanks for your help and your caring.

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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.

MONTH OF SUNDAYS

November 6 Changing Tides Rev. Tracy Johnson

So much has changed in our lives and we sit in the midst of change here at the Meeting House. What does it take to trust that process?

November 13 Affirmation and Promotion Rev. Tracy Johnson

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles are likely agreeable to folks from any progressive religious tradition. What sets us apart is a key to understanding our faith. This is a "Bring a Friend Sunday." Look for details here in the eblast and in this newsletter.

November 20 More Than Remembrance Rev. Tracy Johnson

Today is Transgender Day of Remembrance. What is our role as Unitarian Universalists in making justice and inclusion a reality for transgender people?

November 27 The Meeting of Public and Private Seth Rolbein

At the intersection of policy and conscience, how each defines the other, how a life and a country are shaped at these times and places.

Who's Preaching: Seth Rolbein, an award winning writer, reporter, and documentary filmmaker has often been seen on WGBH-TV, NPR, and in The Boston Globe. Founding editor of the Cape Cod Voice, he also spent years as Senator Dan Wolf's senior adviser. Currently, Director of Cape Cod's Fisheries Trust, Seth is the Voice of Cape Cod.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Nurturing inclusive community
Seeking justice and equity
Encouraging free minds and spirits**

Dear Ones, All –

What an exciting time to be a part of the UU Meeting House of Chatham! You are doing great and also hard things together. Your presence to one another as you explore your future is heartening. I want to offer special thanks to the members of the “Cusp of the Future” working group who have organized this phase of our discernment. They have been creative and open and on task and are deserving of all our gratitude. This month we will continue to move forward, having heard from the Board about their reactions and thoughts on next steps. I encourage all of you to be involved in whatever ways you can. Each of our voices and ideas matter. Some of you are wildly imaginative, and some are practical and task oriented. We need both, and everything else in between.

This month I will be talking about trusting change, about what sets us apart as Unitarian Universalists, and about our role in uplifting the transgender community. Change, it turns out, whether personal or collective, has many facets and is a journey through as opposed to a destination. November 13th is “Bring a Friend Sunday” and I hope you will each invite someone to join with us in worship, either in person or on zoom. Our Unitarian Universalist Principles likely sound good to any progressive person of faith, regardless of their religious leanings. What makes us different is a key to understanding our tradition. November 20th is Transgender Day of Remembrance. What is our role as justice minded and inclusion nurturing people in widening the various circles we inhabit to include transgender persons?

This is the time of year that we often refer to broadly as “the holidays.” Beginning with Samhain and All Saints and ending with the ringing in of the New Year, we traverse the many celebrations that are dear to us. We honor our ancestors, our democratic process, our veterans. We give thanks, remember the Buddha’s enlightenment, focus on human rights. We consider what is to come, celebrate Chanukah, the Winter Solstice, Christmas, and Kwanzaa! The list goes on! We are entering into an incredibly rich time full of opportunities to deepen our understanding of the peoples we share this earth home with. I invite you to consider a tradition you are less familiar with this year and to take a dive into what meaning might be found for you there. I know you will be blessed! Later this month as the season of Advent begins, I hope to offer an afternoon reflection on the Sundays of Advent through the lens of the poetry of e. e. cummings. Watch or details in the weekly e-blast on how to connect via zoom!

I give thanks for this faith community, this band of seekers with which to journey and explore life and meaning. It is a privilege to serve you in this time, and I am grateful that our paths have crossed. May we all take time to notice the many blessings in our lives – family, sustenance, shelter, companionship – you can name your own here! And may we strive to be a blessing in our world.

In faith –

Reverend Tracy



ECCLES MEMORIAL SERVICE

The service for Dick and Jane will be held at the Meeting House at 2PM on November 12. Their sons have said they would love to have reminiscences of their parents from UUMH. If you would like to share your memories or thoughts, please send them to djeccles@myfastmail.com

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON NOVEMBER 6**

**ANOTHER WHOLE HOUR TO READ THE TIMES, HAVE ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE,
OR EVEN SLEEP AN EXTRA HOUR!!**



Whatever you are, be a good one. (A. Lincoln)

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Liz Van Wye

Sunday November 13 is "Bring a Friend Sunday" at UUMH. It is our opportunity to introduce a friend or neighbor to our welcoming UUMH community.

It's often said that many people are UUs but don't know it. The best way for our neighbors to find out about us is through us, the members of UUMH. With our hybrid format you can all attend in person or online. The service that morning will focus on who we are and what we are all about.

Don't know how to go about inviting a friend? Here's a simple email that could be shared.

The Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Chatham is a place where we work to be an inclusive caring community and where we advocate for justice and equity in support of free minds and spirits. This shared journey to find our own spiritual truths and answer life's difficult questions keeps us together in community. If you want to learn more you are invited to visit us at 819 Main Street Chatham Sunday November 13 at 1030 am. Or join us for services on Zoom by clicking on the link at www.uumh.net. We hope you will join us!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee has formed a decision making working group consisting of the 5-7 people who attend meetings regularly. Everyone else will be notified.

The Committee is discussing with the Board of Trustees a process to endorse an action or plan they feel is important.

November Outreach will support the Angel Fund, helping to make a merry holiday for a local family. In December we will ask the congregation to bring mittens, gloves, hats or men's white sport socks or underwear for the shelters.

We are also looking for new or used sleeping bags for those homeless who insist on sleeping rough outside. Our goal is 10 sleeping bags. These will be collected under the Christmas Tree as well.

Social Justice meets at 1:30PM on the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Joan Caputo for a Zoom link at 508-776-0319.

COMING BACK?????

Remember Ladies' Lunch? The Gathering? Muugs? Activities which were put on hold at the advent of Covid. ****Women meeting once a month at the 400 for lunch.** ****Women meeting once a month in the evening for games, discussions, projects...anything and everything possible** ****Men meeting once a month for breakfast at a local restaurant.**

Any interest in resurrecting any or all of these? Please call or email Sue if you might be interested or have questions or other ideas for getting together. 945-3264 ralphb1234@cs.com

PUMPKINS IN THE PARK

The UUMH Pumpkin People display was in Kate Gould Park in Chatham for the last two weeks of October. With a pumpkin minister and a multicultural and diverse pumpkin congregation, the message was “Come As You Are!” UUMH brochures were also available in the display.

Pictured are three of the team involved in set up...from left, Gail Eldredge, Sandi Porter and Bonnie Brydges. Many thanks also to Gail Tilton, Emma Eldredge, Nancy Chase, Mary Parsons, Terry Eldredge, Jen Makihara, Liz Van Wye and Joe Zahka.



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The truth is more important than the facts. (F.L. Wright)



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING UUMH NEWS ITEMS

The deadline for submissions to the *Eblast* published on Monday) is **6 pm on Sunday**.

Email items to KD Ryan: socialtechie1@gmail.com

- Submissions suggested include upcoming events, programs, opportunities, enhanced activities, etc.
 - On your email's subject line, please write **"For Weekly Bulletin on Monday (Insert Date)"**
- Include your name and contact information in case KD has a question.

Newsletter:

Email directly to Sue Bauer (ralphb1234@cs.com.)

Follow schedule written on cover of previous month's Newsletter.

On subject line, write "For Newsletter"

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Jenni Makihara's new address is 60 Daley Terrace /
Unit 2-24 / Orleans, MA 02653

NEWSLETTER DUE DATE CHANGE

Please note that Newsletter submissions are due this month on **TUESDAY November 22**, so that you may enjoy your turkey in peace!

**THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB**

Third Monday Book Club will meet at 10AM on November 21 discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

Contact Mary Parsons with questions.
marypmac@comcast.net / 432-7194



All are welcome for one book or many!

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

5 Jackie Venner
7 Judy Reed
9 Priscilla Dalrymple
10 Clif Mayfield
15 Mary Parsons
17 Dave Monroe
19 Bonnie Brydges
20 Marion Harcourt
20 Joe Caputo
21 Bob Rice
26 Gail Tilton

**MEDITATION GROUP**

“Our body talks to us in Feelings and Sensations. Meditation Practice is taking time out to listen.”

The UU Meditation group meets on zoom at 9:30 every Saturday morning with Joan Konopka as the facilitator. If anyone is interested in joining the group you can tune in from any location .

Email Nancy Fields with questions:

nefields42@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/93717313258?](https://zoom.us/j/93717313258?pwd=OUZDbzdjSzZoa2dybGo4cWp4dnNPUT09)
[pwd=OUZDbzdjSzZoa2dybGo4cWp4dnNPUT09](https://zoom.us/j/93717313258?pwd=OUZDbzdjSzZoa2dybGo4cWp4dnNPUT09)

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