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UUMH ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

**AFTER THE SERVICE
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
BUT ONLY MEMBERS CAN VOTE**

**YOU WILL RECEIVE THE AGENDA
AND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS
WELL BEFORE THE MEETING**

**INCLUDED ARE MINISTER'S AND
COMMITTEE REPORTS, NEW
BUDGET, AND VOTING FOR NEW
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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**June 4****Flower 100****Rev. Tracy Johnson**

This year is the 100th anniversary of Norbert Capek's Flower Celebration. We will commemorate this occasion on June 4th with our own flower ritual. Please bring a flower or two to place in our common vase. Zoom attendees can email me a picture of your contribution by May 31st.

June 11**From Power to Pride****Rev. Tracy Johnson**

June is Pride month, and history has seen a trajectory from "Gay Power" to "Gay Pride." What happens as we make that shift in understanding, both personally and as a movement?

June 18**This Is What Democracy Looks Like****Rev. Tracy Johnson**

Today is our Annual Meeting at UUMH, and we come together on the brink of our Association's General Assembly. As we involve ourselves in the democratic process, I am wondering about the meaning of democracy in our lives. You can share your thoughts with me via email by June 12th!

June 25**General Assembly Sunday Service**

The service will be live streamed from Pittsburgh. We will be able to connect to it from the Meeting House. I was thinking "GA Sunday Service Watch Party." Please make a note that it will be at 11:00 a.m. and details will follow as it gets closer. Maybe we could gather on the porch at our usual time of 10:30 for refreshments and then go inside for the service?



Dear Ones, All –

As we approach the end of another church year here in Chatham, we have so much to be thankful for and to take delight in. We have been tapping into our potential and working toward building a sustainable future for the Meeting House. I have every confidence in this congregation's ability to pour bodies, minds, and spirits into what is necessary, into figuring out what is needed and then taking that next step to determining how to bring those needs to fruition. Please keep your eyes open for opportunities to contribute your thoughts and your labor to the tasks ahead. I am excited to be with you this year as you delve into possibility! I hope you are excited, too!

This year is the 100th anniversary of Norbert Capek's Flower Celebration. For many years now we have celebrated this ritual together and we will do so again sharing thoughts from the originating church in Prague. I look forward to expanding our understanding of this occasion on June 4th. Please bring a flower or branch or something green or even a picture if that is all that is blooming for you now. If you know you will attend on zoom and want to send me a picture of your flower contribution, please do so right away! We will share them during the service.

I will be attending the UUA General Assembly this month in person and virtually and will represent the Meeting House there. Some of the activities and voting will be open prior to the actual assembly window, so I will be diving in as the days approach. If you have thoughts about the vote on studying the proposed Article II Bylaw changes in the coming year, please be in touch. I would love to hear from you. This is how a democratic process works. All the voices that wish to be heard are given space to do so. I will be exploring that concept as the date for our annual meeting draws closer. What does democracy mean to you? Send me an email by June 12th if you'd like to be heard!

It is nearing the end of May as I write and almost all of my meditation prompts this morning implored me to get outside: to awaken to the interconnectedness of all creation – people, places, growing things, animals and even the salty air we breathe. They reminded me that part of how we take care of ourselves and acknowledge our value is to nourish that sensual part of our beings. When we say we respect the inherent worth and dignity of all people, we must be reminded sometimes that we are members of that cohort of “all people.”

As summer approaches my hope for all of you is that you are taking good care of yourselves and each other. This is our “high season” here on Cape Cod, and it can be a little overwhelming, even as it is lovely. Family comes to visit, the streets and stores and beaches are filled with people who love our spit of land as much as we do, left turns become out of the question. Our pews fill up, too, as we welcome home those who travel over the winter and as visitors stop in to see what this UU congregation is up to. And I will be here all summer, so please check in or let me know if you'd like a visit. May we take joy in all that is our life.

Blessed be.

Reverend Tracy



OSPREY POINT

It's almost summer and, therefore, almost time for Osprey Point!

Open to all women connected to the Meeting House. We meet at Osprey Point once a month on Monday evenings at 5PM for an hour or so (before the bugs arrive!) . Bring your lawn chair and your dinner/snack/whatever, and join new and old friends. It is a beautiful, peaceful place that we usually have to ourselves. Bring your cameras and/or your binoculars.

Watch the Eblast for further info on our June gathering, set for Monday, June 19. Call Sue Bauer (945-3264) for more information. I will send out a reminder email a few days ahead, so it would be good to email me that you plan to come (ralphb1234@cs.com)

By the way...Osprey Point will be found on no map or through any Google search. That's because we named it – for obvious reasons, as you will see. Directions: Forest Beach Road off Route 28 in South Chatham. Go .4 miles to a left turn on Bay View. Straight ahead and up a short hill. And there you are.

Hope to see you there at one of our favorite spots with some of our favorite people!

HELLO
SUMMER



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

!!!Super first two weeks at the Bearly Used Thrift Shop!!!

Donations needed to keep up with the sales! Check your closets and your shelves. Make your “no longer exciting” into someone else’s treasure!

Forever is composed of nows. (Emily Dickinson)

AED/CPR TRAINING

The second training on the AED (located in the foyer) and CPR training will be happening on Friday June 2 at the Chatham Fire Department at 135 Depot Street. The training will begin at 1PM and will take 1-1 1/2 hours. The cost is \$20. Please bring a check made out to Town of Chatham.

Please call Bonnie Brydges to sign up at 432-2509.

UPDATE FROM THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee has been meeting monthly to prepare for the engagement of a contract minister to take over the ministry of the UUMH at the end of Rev. Tracy's service in June of 2024. The process involves the committee completing a record that captures the nuances of our congregation and will soon include a survey from congregants for their input. Look for your chance to voice your opinions late summer/early fall. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the committee; contact information is in the directory.

Liz Van Wye, Dave Van Wye, Sally Davol, John Raye, and Deb Zahka

WHO'S NEW

Our newest member Susan Patterson lived in a small fishing village in Sweden until age 6. She then moved to New York City until she went to college at Bowdoin College in Maine. After college, she lived in Munich where she traveled throughout Europe for 4 years. When she returned to New York, she taught literature and writing at NYU and then German and French at Hunter College Campus High School to gifted students which she calls her dream job. She has grown twin boys who still live in New York and are trying to survive as musicians. In 2011 Susan came to the Cape to care for her mother. Settled in Harwich, she now works part time at Sundance Clothing. Susan is involved with the environmental groups the Harwich Climate Action Network, 350.org, and the Sierra Club. In her spare time she enjoys working on writing and art projects, swimming, walking by the ocean, and playing with her cat Merlin.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 19 At 1:30 pm on Zoom.

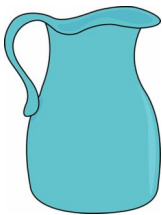
Of immediate importance is to decide on an Outreach Group or Project. Our last two were April---J1 Backpacks for bicycle and walking safety and in May, the White Hats which is the civilian rescue group so prominent in the last earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. In June we will collect for Homeless Prevention Council for the Backpack program in August which outfits kids for school needs in September. I think we could also collect school supplies.(I think Staples has a list.) I think we should continue in July and August. Looking for suggestions for Outreach recipients for those months and September. More suggestions are always welcome.

Now a proposal from me as the outgoing chair of Social Justice. The UUA Principles clearly show how important Social Justice is to our lives and work at UUMH Chatham. It defines our denomination and its mission, or if you like, our ministry to a large extent. Many of our members and friends are active in many organizations in our communities. (financial support counts) I would like to suggest that in place of a regularly meeting committee or working group, we call on our whole congregation to bring forth areas of interest or projects we can gather to work on. For me the asylum seekers (St Peter's Lutheran Church) and refugees is such an interest. Each of you has a least one that you feel a strong commitment to. I propose that a small group, 3 to 5 or 6, meet as a kind of steering committee.

Thank you all for your support during the years I have chaired or co-chaired this group. Please support Robin Hubbard as the new Social Justice Chair beginning in July.

Gratefully and Sincerely, Joan Caputo

REFRESHMENTS ON THE PORCH



Juice and nibbles on the porch after Sunday service! Simple setup and cleanup.

Need volunteers to take a Sunday, set up a table, fill two pitchers of water and juice (provided), cups, and napkins and then cleanup. Email Sue Bauer (ralphb1234@cs.com)

Need volunteers to provide simple nibbles. Email Pavia (senorasangria@gmail.com).

SUMMER BLOOMS

Will you have lots of beautiful flowers in your garden this summer? If you would like to share on any given Sunday, we would love to have them! The Rayes have also offered the flowers from their large and beautiful garden. You would just need to cut them. We even know someone who would be willing to arrange them for you! Call Sue Bauer at 945-3264 for more information.



BRANCHING OUT

Branching out is taking the summer off. Join us in the fall for fun evenings at local restaurants with all your best friends!



UUMH DIRECTORY

Remember that the UUMH Directory is now online. Email Danielle Jeanloz for the UUMH Member password (daniellejeanloz@gmail.com)

MAYDAY CELEBRATION—EVEN IF IT’S RAINING!



Common sense is not so common. (Voltaire)

JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Emma Eldredge has been named to the Monomoy Regional High School High Honor Roll.



PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

June Birthdays

- 2 Joyce Sterling
- 9 Jeff Dykens
- 15 Dave Van Wye
- 17 Connie Johnson
- 24 Joe Zahka
- 27 John Raye
- 28 Olivia Shorey
- 28 Greg Heyl



June Anniversaries

- 12 Debbie and Joe Zahka
- 29 Greg Heyl and Eric Riley



There will be some special Unitarians visiting the front lawn of the Unitarian Meeting House at 819 Main Street on the 4th of July this year.

Come listen to Pete Seeger sing, Beatrix Potter and Louisa May Alcott talk about their lives and others. Find out what they were thinking and why. Refreshments, too!

Email Gail Eldredge to help (gail.eldredge@gmail.com)

MISSION STATEMENT

Nurturing inclusive community

Seeking justice and equity

Encouraging free minds and spirits

THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB

Third Monday Book Club will meet at 10AM on June 19 to discuss *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. Contact Mary Parsons with questions. marypmac@comcast.net / 432-7194

All are welcome for one book or many!



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?pwd=OUZDbzdjSzZoa2dybGo4cWp4dnNPUT09>

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