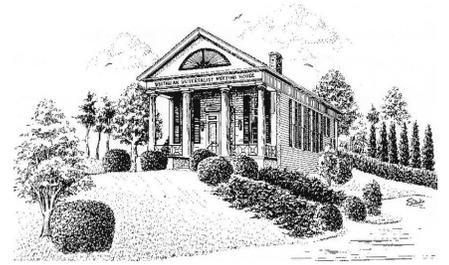


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ANGEL FUND

Yes, it's that time again—just a little early this year!

UUMH will help a Chatham family by participating in the Angel Fund again this year.

Just a little different..... We'll have a tree, but no gift suggestions. Instead, we are asking for your monetary donations as we did last year. This year, Mary Parsons and Sue Bauer will purchase specific gifts requested through the Chatham Children's Fund.

We hope you will be generous and trust us to buy some great gifts! Please give your monetary contributions to Sue and/or Mary or send a check to the Meeting House with Angel Fund on the Memo Line.

The Children's Fund needs the gifts by shortly after Thanksgiving, so we are asking you to contribute by Thanksgiving. Your chance to get into the Christmas spirit early!!

Questions” Call Sue 945-3264 or Mary 432-7194

And, as always, many, many thanks.



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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

November 7 In Service of Humanity Rev. Tracy Johnson

This week we will honor the veterans in our midst and look at our complicated relationship with war.

November 14 History of Chatham and the Atwood House John Tibetts

November 21 What About History? Rev. Tracy Johnson

What is the role of history in our meaning making? Does it matter who is telling the story?

November 28 Visit with Falmouth UU via Zoom

A link will be provided before the service.



MISSION STATEMENT

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



Dear Ones, All –

As November rolls around again and we think about Thanksgiving, I am more inclined to think about giving thanks. “Aren’t they the same thing?” you might be asking. Certainly they can be, the one intertwined with the other, as we gather with family, perhaps in person this year, but however we make it happen. In reality, Thanksgiving is a made-up holiday, nothing like that first year’s harvest or the relationships between indigenous people and colonialist settlers back then. It is a way to reshape the past so we can feel good about it, about ourselves and our history here on this land. That’s why while many Americans are sitting down to a turkey dinner and giving thanks for all they have (not bad things necessarily!), indigenous people are given to a National Day of Mourning. The lens shifts depending on where you sit at the table. History is like that. We’ll talk about history late this month.

Giving thanks, on the other hand, is something we can, and I will even risk saying, we should, do more of the time. Not just in November, or because the holiday dictates it, or since you are now face to face with scattered loved ones, suddenly reminded that you are grateful for their presence in your lives. So, I will start with a gratitude for all of you who are so dedicated to this faith and this Meeting House as a place where community has a home, for the ways you reach out to one another and care for each other when needs arise. I am grateful for the welcome you have extended my way over these past almost two years now, for your warmth and acceptance, and your willingness to be challenged as we journey together here on the hill. What began as a quick stop along the way designed to fill in some missing elements in your church life has turned into a relationship between a minister and a congregation, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Please take a moment to consider the book study options I have proposed for the coming months noted elsewhere in the Newsletter. Let me know which ones you are interested in. Some will be more valuable to one of you than another! You can order your books at your own pace and start reading. I look forward to the give and take of our conversations.

As our daylight hours grow shorter and the leaves begin to turn and fall, I wish for you places of warmth – physical and spiritual – in this month of seasonal change. May there be hot cider and winter squash and the love of family and community in your lives! May they be sufficient to take the chill off body and soul, both!

Blessed be.

Reverend Tracy Johnson



BOOKS TO LOOK AT TOGETHER

Rev. Tracy would like to offer a few opportunities for study together.

The **UU Common Read** this year is "**Defund Fear: Safety Without Policing, Prisons and Punishment.**" A zoom discussion will be offered on Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 2:30-4:00 PM

The **June 2021 Report of the UUA Commission on Appraisal** entitled, "**Unlocking the Power of Covenant**" is available and will be discussed in three parts, Sundays, January 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2022 via zoom from 2:30-4:00 PM

"**The Darkness Divine: A Loving Challenge to My Faith**" by the Rev. Dr. Kristin L. Harper uses poetry, prose and lived experience to explore the challenges of racism for people of color in our faith. Discussions will occur on selected Wednesday mornings beginning in February 2022.

All three selections can be purchased at www.uuabookstore.org and the latter two are also available on Kindle. Please let Rev. Tracy know if you plan to attend!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STEVE WASBY

Friday, November 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM
Unitarian Universalist Meeting House of Chatham

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to:
The Massachusetts Audubon Society
208 S. Great Road
Lincoln, MA 01773
for use at the Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary.



Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go. (Unknown)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Four new members join UUMH!

Four new members joined UUMH in October, at a service that also commemorated the 25th anniversary of the move into the Meeting House on the Hill in Chatham.

Laura Peterson, a resident of Harwich Port, has three grown children and one amazing grandchild. Laura came here first to interview for a job and found much more, she says. That experience blossomed into a calling and a desire to immerse herself in learning more about the meaning of it all and to focus on love for herself and her community.

Val Mowbray, who divides her time between Chatham and Florida, attended UUMH during the tenure of Ed Hardy, the first minister here. Val led the practice of Yoga on Lighthouse Beach for many years. "I have attended UUMH intermittently for many years," she said, and she appreciates conversations and activities that bring some help and harmony to others. Val hopes to find a volunteer opportunity here.

New members Edith and Clif Mayfield recently bought a house in West Yarmouth and split their time between here and Arizona.

Edith was raised Unitarian and has deep Unitarian roots. Her father's family became Unitarian in 1822 so her family will soon celebrate 200 years in this faith tradition. She has served in a leadership role in several UU congregations and after buying their house on the Cape she came to feel that UUMH was the UU congregation that was closest to her own feelings about Unitarian Universalism.

Clif Mayfield was attracted to the UU church some years ago, he says, since he is an agnostic and the UU church with its seven principles was quite attractive to him. He enjoys singing, volunteering and attending the book club.

If you have been attending for a while and would like to be part of the next New Member Sunday, contact Membership Co-Chairs Bonnie Brydges and Liz Van Wye to find out more about the pathway to membership.



Clif and Edith Mayfield



Valerie Mowbray



Laura Peterson

THRIFT SHOP

A note from Mary Parsons to all who helped with the Thrift Shop over the last few months: MANY THANKS to everyone who put in so very much work to make this year's Thrift Shop an overwhelming success. Thanks especially to Joyce DeVoe for her hours of help, internet savvy, and a million other details. Thank you also to **everyone** who worked one shift or many, helped set up and/or take down the shop, donated treasures to be sold, bought treasures! So many compliments over the summer from customers about our merchandise, the cleanliness and setup of the shop, and always, the kindness and friendliness of the workers. Yes, the Thrift Shop made over \$40,000 for the Meeting House, but the goodwill and outreach was, in reality, just as important. So, again, thanks to you all and see you in the Spring!



OUR NEW STAFF (PHOTOS COMING NEXT MONTH!)

Andrew Staiti is the new UUMH Communications Coordinator, replacing Karen Murdoch. Andrew lives in Eastham and has a bachelor's degree from Stonehill University in communications, including extensive volunteer experience in outreach and awareness. An experienced organizer and communicator, Andrew will be helping with e-blasts, outreach, administrative functions and a whole host of essential activities.

Kim Carroll is the new UUMH Bookkeeper, replacing Charlotte Edgecombe who retired recently. A graduate of Fairfield University, Kim was a school bookkeeper in Needham for 15 years, and before that worked at JP Morgan, among other financial institutions. She brings extensive experience working on budgets, reconciling accounts and using Quickbooks to her new job at UUMH. She lives in South Chatham.

Jaiden Van Bork is the new Tech assistant at UUMH, replacing Bennett Hartley, who is off to Northeastern University. In addition to her involvement in behind the scenes theater work, Jaiden, a senior at Nauset Regional High School, is also the president of Nauset's Gender and Sexuality Alliance, where she advocates for the rights of LGBTQ students on campus. She has been working for several weeks now and has proved a quick study and essential part of the new hybrid UUMH service format.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Social Justice wishes to thank all who contributed so generously in September for survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. We were able to send a check for \$794 to FOKAL.

In October we continued our interest in refugees and asylum seekers, and Joan Caputo has joined the Safe Harbors committee at St Peter's Lutheran Church which is looking for a refugee family to come to a house which they are renting in Chatham. Dr Cathryn Samples spoke to us about "Welcoming the Stranger" on Sunday, October 31.

This month we are supporting Emerald Hollow Therapeutic Riding Center (EHTRC) at the request of one of our members, Greg Heyl. His neurologist at the Multiple Sclerosis Care Center at NYU recommended horseback riding to improve his physical and cognitive issues. He has been taking riding lessons at Emerald Hollow for 4 years and has found that this local organization in Brewster perfectly meets his needs. He says, "I love the classes, staff and everything about the farm". EHTRC caters to people with a range of physical and cognitive challenges such as autism, veterans with PTSD and those with strokes.

EHTRC has made a big difference in Greg's life and in the experience of many others struggling with physical and cognitive challenges. It is a non-profit, and this month a local law firm, Manoog, is matching our contributions dollar for dollar. If you donate through the Outreach by check with Riding Center in the memo line or by button on the UUMH website, one check will be sent to EHTRC to be matched. To learn more about it, log on to emeraldhollow.org/manoog

Margaret Tompsett, and Joan Caputo, Co-Chairs



**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK FOR NOVEMBER 7**



SMALL GROUP NEWS

Priscilla Smith's Small Group is starting back up after a wonderful summer of family and visitors whom we hadn't seen for 2 years and enjoying again this beautiful land we live on. We have openings and would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining our small group. Our format is to focus on one topic each month and share in an informal free flowing discussion wherever the topic may take us.

We generally meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, but sometimes change the date to accommodate everyone's busy schedule. Until this past spring, we met on Zoom. We did have a few in person get-togethers at the beginning of the summer. But we have decided, since a few of our group migrate to warmer climates during the winter, to return to Zoom in November.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday November 16 at 6:30 PM. I can be reached at the following and would love to talk with anyone about any questions you might have.

Priscilla Smith (I will be away for a few weeks, so the best way to reach me is through the email)

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A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye. (Unknown)

WORSHIP SERVICE COMMITTEE

Now that we are partly celebrating in the church, we need to have people to volunteer for ushering and making sure we have flowers or something in front of the podium.

Nancy Chase and Jane Eccles have done a marvelous job for the summer. Now that Nancy has gone to Florida, Jane needs some help. Please think about a special Sunday in your life that you might want to remember by donating an arrangement. In the past we have used New England Gardens in Harwich who have delivered them on Friday to the church office. (508-432-8948) (\$35.00) You should check to make sure someone will be at the church to receive them or you can pick them up at New England Gardens (Route 28 by Buca's Restaurant)

The other volunteer position we need is ushers. Right now Sue Bauer has been doing the job for us, as she lives near and is a regular attendee. Would it be possible for us to go back to our old way in selecting them? That was to have each committee be in charge for one Sunday. This is made easier as we are not having coffee hour or passing the bags to each aisle. The money is collected at the table on the way out the door. The job begins at 10:00 when you arrive at church to open the door and at the end of the service having collected from the Outreach Basket and the Church plate you count the money and place it in the church envelopes with the little notebook which you have filled out with the date, who is in the pulpit, name of service and number of people attending (plus Zoom). You end the day around 12:00 making sure the doors are locked and the shells have been collected from the pews. Sue Bauer has made an usher check list that will be in a plastic sleeve on top of the stereo cabinet. It should take just one person to do this job. **Let me know if you can help!**

Thank you all for considering these tasks.

Dolly Howell

OUTREACH/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Hooray! Our various media postings plus word-of-mouth have brought us two terrific new employees: Andrew Staiti, Communications Coordinator, and Kim Carroll, Bookkeeper. We hope most of you were able to meet them in person on Sunday, October 24. Much of their training has been accomplished, and they are already making important contributions to our operations. (Example: our new email address, chathamuumh@gmail.com)

Beth Avery, Chair



JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Many of us will remember Chandler and Rood Cheron who were part of UUYOUth. As Haitian immigrants, they have family there and a great stake in helping the country. They helped sponsor a fund-raising campaign at Monomoy High, as well as several events to showcase Haitian culture

Cindi Hodgdon, daughter of Sue and Ralph Bauer, was recently chosen as the US Teacher of the Year by the American Association of Teachers of German.

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THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The Third Monday Book Club will meet on Monday November 15. Please contact Mary Parsons for location or with questions. 432-7194 / marypmac@comcast.net. All are welcome for one book or many.



PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

November Birthdays

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



November Anniversaries

- 13 Barbara Rothenberger and Fred Jensen
- 26 Jane and Dick Eccles

MEDITATION GROUP

The UU Meditation group continues to meet on zoom at 9:30 every Saturday morning with Joan Konopka as the facilitator. We are uncertain as to meeting arrangements going forward as to whether some meetings will take place in person in the church sanctuary...the group has grown considerably with members from outside of Chatham so zoom has been a very practical and worthwhile tool. If anyone is interested in joining the group you can tune in from any location . Contact Gail Tilton @ gmitilton@capecod.net to be placed on the e-mail list.

