

# NEWS FROM THE HILL

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## CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF UUMH

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## BEACON ON THE HILL



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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 3                      Honoring Home                      Rev. Tracy Johnson**

Today we will recognize the 25th anniversary of our move to this building on the hill in Chatham and welcome new members. Join us as we ground ourselves in the journey!

**October 10                      Stories                      Rev. Tracy Johnson**

On this Sunday before Indigenous People's Day we will explore the prolific work of Native American poet-laureate, Joy Harjo. What is in her stories for us?

**October 17                      Are You A UU Mystic Without Knowing It?                      Rev. Dick Fewkes**

**October 24                      Cultivating                      Rev. Tracy Johnson**

Our Soul Matters theme this month is cultivating relationships. I usually think of cultivating in the spring! What piece of cultivation is happening for us in this season?

**October 31                      Welcoming the Stranger                      Dr. Cathryn Samples**

Dr. Samples is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church whose program Safe Harbors is creating a welcoming environment for asylum seekers and their families.

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**WHO'S PREACHING**

**Dick Fewkes** has served First UU Society in Middleboro (1964-69), First Parish in Norwell, (1969-2000) (Minister Emeritus), and as Interim Minister at the First Parish UU Church, Bridgewater, ( 2000-2002). He resides with his partner Connie Johnson in Sagamore Beach, and is a member of our UU Meeting House.

**Dr. Cathryn Samples, MD, MPH** is a pediatrician recently retired from The Children's Hospital in Boston where she focused on adolescent and young adult medicine as well as community health and assisting youth in vulnerable situations. She is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich.

Dear Ones, All –

The wheel of the year has turned once again and so I want to welcome you to autumn! It is by far my favorite season, although I have been thinking lately about welcoming the many seasons of life as they make themselves known to me. It is easy to get caught up in whatever might be happening next and forego the glory of what is present to me now. Do you experience this? In our life here at the Meeting House we are very forward looking, it seems. Not so much that we are planning for the future as much as positing the many “what ifs” of the days ahead. The list can get long and feel arduous. We can be in a bit of a hurry.

I am hoping in the months ahead that we can take some time to think about how we want to be with one another, in the moment, and let that guide our steps toward what is to come. We have many decisions to make about what will be, but if we don't ground those in what is and how we intend to explore together, we will be on a very disjointed path. Our Board is interested in communication and transparency and will meet for a start up retreat this month. We need all of us to express our thoughts in order to create a plan for navigating the year and beyond.

I am so excited to be recognizing the 25th anniversary of your move to this building on the hill in Chatham this month. It is a time to consider where we have been, the journey and the possibility. If you were around then please share with me some memories of that decision at [arevtracy@gmail.com](mailto:arevtracy@gmail.com) before the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. I would love to hear from you! We will welcome new members also and hope you can be with us in person or on zoom on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for both of these joyous occasions!

I want to invite us to slow down, to breathe and to let the present wash over us as we soak up all its beauty and its pain. We are thinking, feeling, active beings, and I invite you into a time of accessing the fullness of it, all the way down to your bones. I want to encourage the belief that everything will fall into place as it should, not because of any predestined formula, but because we have taken a collective step back to notice what is and to consider with heads and hearts what we hope for. Only then will the expanse of it unfold before us.

Together we are cultivating relationships with one another, with our beautiful space and its place in this community, with our wider Association and with the world. May we do so thoughtfully and intentionally, holding the love that binds as our central guiding force.

Happy Autumn!

Blessed be.

Reverend Tracy



**REACH OUT TO US!**

Are you wondering why you are not getting emails from UUMH or having trouble with Zoom? If so, please email your questions or describe your problem to [daniellejeanloz@gmail.com](mailto:daniellejeanloz@gmail.com) and she will try to help you.

The most common problems we have noticed so far:

**No or missing UUMH emails -**

- You unsubscribed, possibly unknowingly, to getting our emails. Once that happens, we have to resubscribe you by first getting your permission. Let Danielle know, and she will send you the permission link.
- Emails are going into your spam or another folder that you may not be checking in your computer. If you find that your emails are going into spam, you need to unspam them once to redirect all future emails from UUMH.

**Zoom is freezing up my computer or causing echos -**

- You may have multiple Zoom windows open at one time, on one or more devices near one another. Or - You may have a weak internet connection like I do . Or - Your computer does not have the latest version of Zoom or the software to support it...if it's an older computer.



The Thrift Shop is breaking all records and we are on our way to making \$40,000 or more by the end of the year. The last date we will be open is October 8. Then we plan to have a gigantic sale on the lawn the next day. We will need lots of helpers, and I hope many of you will join us in this fun event. If any of you know some able-bodied men that could help us, please let me know. (Mary Parsons at [marypmac@comcast.net](mailto:marypmac@comcast.net) or 432-7194)

**AND REMEMBER: HALF PRICE ON EVERYTHING OUR LAST TWO WEEKS**

**Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile. (William Cullen Bryant)**

### WORSHIP SERVICE COMMITTEE

We are glad to have two new members joining our Committee, Joan Caputo and Edith Mayfield. Edith is a lifelong UU and knows how important committee work is to keep the church working. Joan we all know, as she has worn many hats within our church. We thank them both for volunteering. We would also like to thank both Jan Young and Liz Van Wye for helping us these last few months as Service Leaders and members of the committee as we embarked on the new normal. The learning process with Zoom and our hybrid service was challenging at times as we muddled along. Jan and Liz were great assets as we grew into the new normal.



#### In Memoriam

**Barbara Holden**

**1930-2021**



### OUTREACH/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We are starting to receive some response to our ads for a Communications Coordinator and Bookkeeper. So perhaps soon we will have two new employees to welcome into our Meeting House community. We continue to be extremely grateful to all of you who have stepped in to fill the void during this difficult time.

#### **Please tell us:**

Do you need another nudge to explore our UUMH website and Facebook? We know that some of you are beginning to take advantage of the Sunday Zoom link and the Donate Buttons. And now it is VERY easy to get a copy of a Newsletter or e-blast that you lost in your hundreds of emails. Just go to [uumh.net](http://uumh.net) and click on the new heading, "NEWS AND INFORMATION". In the near future, there will also be a web CALENDAR that will show us when our committees and Small Groups meet, and when a special event or program has been scheduled. It will be a welcome memory tool!

But meanwhile, please don't forget what is most important. YOU are the best publicity we have. Do not underestimate your ability to find a way to let people know the value of what you find here in our UUMH community. Thanks, and have a happy October!

Beth Avery, Chair



### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Minute: 25th anniversary service October 3 to recognize new members!

25 years ago, on Sunday, October 6, 1996, a small group of enthusiastic members of the UU Fellowship in Chatham marched down Crowell Road from the Creative Arts Center, with Rev. Ed Hardy pushing the pulpit and a bagpiper playing, to the new Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. They were met by an even larger group of UUs from First Parish Brewster. At the suggestion of First Parish minister Rev Jim Robinson, many of those from Brewster who attended the initial service became members of UUMH.

On Sunday October 3 we will mark that historic occasion with a recounting of our history and recognition of new members. Whether you tune in on Zoom or in person in the Sanctuary, you won't want to miss it. Join us!

Bonnie Brydges and Liz Van Wye, Membership Co-chairs

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE WEEKLY EBLAST TO SUE BAUER ONLY AT [RALPHB1234@CS.COM](mailto:RALPHB1234@CS.COM). EMAIL YOUR MATERIALS BY THURSDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MONDAY EBLAST.**

**ON THE SUBJECT LINE, WRITE "UUMH EBLAST FOR MONDAY (AND THE DATE)"**

**THANKS**



### UUMH BULLETIN BOARD

This will be an new and occasional column. Do you need help? Is there something you are looking for or looking to dispose of? Do you want to talk to others in our community about their recommendations and experiences with anything from doctors, cleaners, gardeners, or stores carrying just that thing you are looking for? Do you need a ride somewhere or a chore done?

Often, the Pastoral Care Team can jump in and help, but other times, a simple question just needs a simple answer. You might have just the right answer to something that has been a thorn in someone else's side.

Think about it and let me know if you would like to post anything here. Call or email me, and we can figure out how to best get you answers and/or results! (Sue Bauer 945-3264, [ralphb1234@cs.com](mailto:ralphb1234@cs.com))

**AND HERE IS THE FIRST REQUEST FOR HELP!!** Joanne Arnold (and her dog, Aster) is looking for someone to occasionally walk her small dog. She lives in Chatham, near the Meeting House. If you could help her, once or several times, please call her at 774-893-3081.



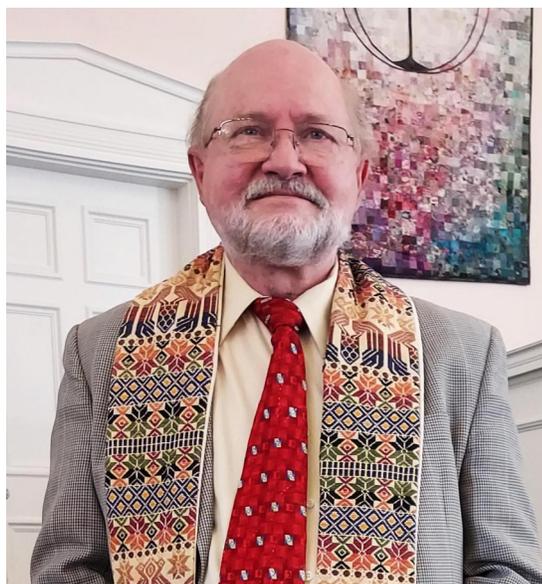
**WELCOME**

A large and excited welcome to our new Tech Assistant, Jaiden Van Bork. We are all so glad you are with us!!



**Three of our founding members**

**Barbara Waters, Deborah Rogers, Mary Chesnut**



**Our old friend and recent guest preacher**

**Rev. Paul Sprecher**

**Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. (Camus)**

**DIRECTORY CHANGES**

Kathy and Tom Cole have two new addresses!  
 April-October: 1421 Orleans Rd. PMB162 / East Harwich MA 02645  
 November-March: 114 Elleray Gardens / Windemere / Cumbria / UK LA231JE

Jackie Venner, Steve and Courtney Keenan have a new address: 4021 McGinnis Ferry Rd. / Unit 1417 / Suwanee, GA 30024

**MEDITATION GROUP**

The UU Meditation group continues to meet 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 . Contact Gail Tilton @ [gmlilton@capecod.net](mailto:gmlilton@capecod.net) to be placed on the e-mail list.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**Nurturing inclusive community**

**Seeking justice and equity**

**Encouraging free minds and spirits**

**THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB**

The Third Monday Book Club will meet on Monday October 18 to discuss *The splendid and the vile* by Erik Larson. Please contact Mary Parsons for location or with questions.  
 432-7194 / [marypmac@comcast.net](mailto:marypmac@comcast.net).  
 All are welcome for one book or many.



**PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE**

**October Birthdays**

- 2 Robin Hubbard
- 3 Priscilla Smith
- 4 Kim Howard
- 6 Kathy Cole
- 7 Terry Eldredge
- 8 Dana McCoy
- 8 Susan Nettleton
- 9 Barbara Hanrahan
- 9 Vavara Conley
- 10 Janet Young
- 11 Dolly Howell
- 18 Dick Eccles
- 23 Jon Nye
- 24 Sue Bauer
- 25 Stephania McCledden
- 30 Ed Mangiafico
- 31 Tom Cole



**October Anniversary**

- 3 Allison and Steve Shorey

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

\*\*\*\*\* Consider mailing a check to the Meeting House each month to cover the amount you would contribute to the Offering each Sunday, if you will continue to Zoom. Thanks.

\*\*\*\*\* When you send anything to the Meeting House through the mail, please remember that the address must be the Post Office Box, not the street address. **The PO Box is Box 18.**

