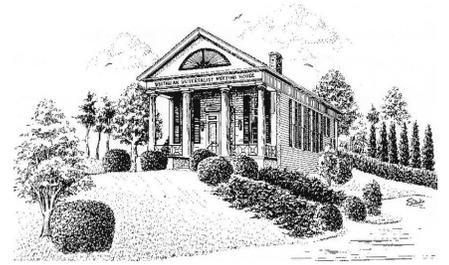


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## FLECK AWARD

Heartiest and most well-deserved congratulations to the recipient  
of this year's Fleck Award:

**JOAN CAPUTO**

The Peter and Ruth Fleck Award  
For Services and Contributions to the Meeting House, Chatham  
And Cape Cod Community, 2020



## UUMH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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****August 1 Visit other UU churches for worship**

Information and links to other churches will be published in the Friday Order of Service on July 30th.

**August 8 The Goal of World Community Rev. Tracy Johnson**

Our 6th Principle talks about this idea. As we honor the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki this week, what obstacles do we still face in reaching this goal?

**August 15 Politicizing Life Rev. Tracy Johnson**

The personal is the political, the saying goes, but have we taken this to extremes?

**August 22 The Essence of Unitarianism Walter Foley**

The theme or message of the service is the challenge, joys, and obligations of being a Unitarian.

**August 29 Grounding Rev. Tracy Johnson**

Ours is a covenantal faith, and our small groups are "covenant groups." What does the promise of covenant hold for us?

**Who's Preaching**

Walter Foley, born and raised in Michigan, became a UU seven decades ago. He has a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Brown University. Thirty Worked 30+ years with General Motors in Human Resources. Has been member and president of UU churches in Flint, MI. and Naples, FL where he and his wife Janys, a retired educator, reside. Between them, they have 5 children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Daughter Ellen is currently moderator (i.e. president) of the Worcester UU church. Have been coming to Cape Cod for 20 years; five years ago bought a cottage in Eastham and since then have been attending UUMH in the summers.

Dear Ones, All –

What a joy it has been to spend some time at the Meeting House; to be “in the office” and actually be **in the office** on Monday and Wednesday mornings! To go downstairs and be met with the hustle and bustle of a thriving thrift shop simply makes me smile. And to lead worship from the pulpit, on the chancel, looking out at live beings with real faces full of expression – I cannot describe fully the deep gratitude I feel for this privilege. Sometimes words are not sufficient. I would be remiss if I did not mention the organ, which we have had all along, thanks to Frank’s ingenuity, but to have it in person is a wholly different experience. Some of you have ventured in on Sunday mornings, and maybe you have a sense of what I mean. We will continue to make this opportunity as safe as we possibly can over the next month and I hope that as you become comfortable to join with others there that I will see your shining eyes as well.

We have a new Board of Trustees who have met already, and their creativity coupled with a love for our community is sure to bring us to new heights in the year ahead. And this is the thing, honestly, that has carried us through and continues to do so: a genuine love for this community of faith – for its people and its location and its potential. It is the thing that pushes us over the line from surviving to thriving. There is an energy all about us which is palpable when you are in the midst of it, that spurs one on toward new goals with confidence and audacious hope. We are “those people on the hill” that folks look to for a voice of conscience, whose joy radiates outward in ever-widening circles, inviting wonder and exploration.

We have talked a lot about inclusion lately and about encouragement for our minds and spirits. What would help you to feel more included in our Meeting House? What grows your mind and spirit? I would love to hear from you, and I know our Board would, too! As we move into this second half of our summer season here on Cape Cod, I hope you take some time to ponder these questions and to let your thoughts wander amid all the possibilities that await us in this life we share at UUMH. Let yourself dream! Pretend you are a child again with no limits on your imagination! That’s what summer is for!

Blessed be.

Reverend Tracy



### AV SYSTEM UPGRADE FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your patience as we learn how to use the new AV system. The system is designed to provide quality content to both those on Zoom and in the pews. The components of the system are a camera that displays content from the sanctuary on Zoom, monitors that allow people in the pews to see recorded content and interact with those on Zoom, a “switcher” that allows smooth transition between components of the service, a control point in the balcony, and a modern sound board to control all the audio inputs in the sanctuary and Zoom. The sound board had been donated two years ago by two members of the Meeting House to support the summer concert series, but all the other equipment was purchased to make hybrid services work. The system upgrades cost about \$17,000 and are complete.

We have made the initial payment for the system from the Rogers Building Fund. We would like to complete the payments without further drawing on the Rogers Fund or Reserve Fund. Please send a contribution to UUMH, PO Box 18, Chatham, MA 02633. Put “AV System Upgrade” in the memo line of your check. If you would like to contribute via the website, go to the “Donate Now” button and select the “Building Fund” tile. Thank you for your support.



### UUMH SUNDAY SERVICES

We are open!!!! Come and join us.

We have 28 socially distanced seating locations for persons or family groups. Email Robin Hubbard to tell her you are coming! (davrobhub@comcast.net) The sanctuary will be professionally cleaned at regular intervals between services. We require masks for all at the present time, realizing that changes may occur over time. The lift will be in service.

You may, of course, continue to join us via Zoom.

The new audio/video system will allow both Zoom and in-person attendees to have equal experiences. There will be no singing at present, but Frank will provide music on four of the Sundays this summer. Videos will be shown on our new 75” screens over the front doorways. Greeters and ushers will be present to assist with seating and questions.

**Believe you can and you're halfway there. (T. Roosevelt)**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**DURING JULY AND AUGUST, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE WEEKLY EBLAST TO SUE BAUER AT [RALPHB1234@CS.COM](mailto:RALPHB1234@CS.COM).**

**EMAIL YOUR MATERIALS BY FRIDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MONDAY EBLAST. ON THE SUBJECT LINE, WRITE “UUMH EBLAST FOR MONDAY (ADD THE DATE)”**

**THANKS**



**What a success the Thrift Shop has been!! Business is booming, customers are genuinely pleased that we are open and full of praise for our wares, our sales, and our volunteers. By the end of July, we will be over \$15,000 with many weeks still to go. A truly awesome accomplishment!**

**You can help make it an even bigger success!! Volunteer for a 3 hour shift or as a sub. Come and SHOP!!!**

**Monday-Friday 10-3. Questions—call Mary Parsons at 432-7194.**

### MEMBERSHIP MINUTE : What makes people join?

The Unitarian Universalist Association has assembled some interesting statistics on what makes people join.

- 70 to 90% of people who join a congregation have a friend or relative already in the congregation.
- 75 to 90% visit because someone invited them.

The most frequent way in which people hear about us is through word of mouth.

The UUMH Membership Committee is working on a number of outreach ideas to grow our congregation, including using social media, programming, brochures, and more. But the message from this research is clear... inviting a friend or neighbor or relative to join us for a service, an activity, or an event is by far the best way to grow our congregation. Don't wait for a special "Bring a Friend Sunday"... all UUMH activities (except voting!) are open to all!

Liz and Dave Van Wye, Membership co-chairs



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year is off to an exciting & positive start with the active hard work of so many congregants. The Thrift shop is starting with spectacular success, with the many hours of hard work by Mary Parsons and the many volunteers.

Our services being on Zoom, as well as in person are affording all the chance to participate with the stimulating services. Thanks to John Raye, Joe Zahka, & their committees.

Joe Zahka has presented a very positive year-ending report with which to start the year. Now we can look forward to a fun & growing year.

Ed Mangiafico



**The sympathy of the Meeting House  
is extended to Nancy Chase on the  
death of her companion Graham Ross**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our designated Community Outreach organization for August is the Chatham Children's Fund which provides support to local children and families who struggle with food insecurity and other essentials.

### WORSHIP SERVICE COMMITTEE

The new learning curve in Zoom is getting off to a slow start. We seem to have it worked out, and then it doesn't work! Please be patient, and we will get there. If you can make it to church, please do. The sanctuary looks delightful all spruced up with two TVs to show the video and to keep us all connected.

We are fortunate to have Rev. Tracy in the pulpit for 3 Sundays for each of the summer months.

Our new in-house format will have the Membership Committee members providing the greeters at the front door, but they will not be doing the ushering. The ushers, one or more, will direct the congregation to their seats where shells have been placed to allow for social distancing. If you are a family body you can all sit together, otherwise you will be separated. The usher counts the number of people attending and collects the money from the back of the sanctuary, counts it and puts it in an envelope and places it in the locked drawer. The committee is looking for members of the congregation to help out. It can be one or two people. Please contact me, Dolly Howell, at 430-0604, if you are interested.



### 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.



### BRIDGE, ANYONE?

Would you and a partner enjoy playing contract bridge once a month next year? If so, contact Carol Ann Yeaple and join the *UU Bridge Marathon*. You can reach Carol Ann at [CAYeaple@live.com](mailto:CAYeaple@live.com) or 508-760-8127.

We play friendly bridge at all levels of play. The program is open to the community. Per a schedule, we alternate hosting in each others' homes once a month (Sept. through April) at a time agreed upon by the 4 players. You will meet and enjoy different pairs every month. The only cost is \$25 per person for the UU minister's discretionary fund of the UU church of your choice. In May there will be a luncheon for all with rounds of bridge and the yearly winners announced.

Contact Carol Ann no later than Aug. 10th in order to be involved. It's fun and a nice way to meet new people.



**A winner is a dreamer who never gives up. (N. Mandela)**

**JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

High Honors for 4th Quarter awarded to

*Emma Eldredge* (Monomoy Middle School)

*Zoe Simmons* (Nauset Middle School)

The June 30 Provincetown Independent contained a long feature on the mixed media works of *Antonia DaSilva*, daughter of John and Sharon. Antonia studied painting and printmaking at Smith and had a recent month-long showing of her work at the Schoolhouse Gallery in Provincetown, exploring beyond the usual rectangular shape and using wood, canvas, bright colors, and whimsy.

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**THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB**

The Third Monday Book Club will meet on Monday August 16 at 10AM at Park Place to discuss *A woman of no importance* by Sonia Purnell. Please contact Mary Parsons with questions. 432-7194 / [marypmac@comcast.net](mailto:marypmac@comcast.net). All are welcome for one book or many. The book for September: *Monogamy* by Sue Miller; and for October: *The splendid and the vile* by Erik Larson.



**PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE**

**August Birthdays**

- 1 Jean Needel
- 2 Janet Jansson
- 13 Pat Army
- 14 Jarvis McMillan
- 15 Anastasia Conley
- 21 Ruth Treen
- 26 Liz Van Wye



**August Anniversary**

- 5 Sally and Stephen Davol

**September Birthdays**

- 2 Dorria Marsh
- 2 Thadd Eldredge

**MEDITATION GROUP**

Our Meditation group is meeting every Saturday at 9:30 Via Zoom. Email Gail Tilton at [gmtilton@capecod.net](mailto:gmtilton@capecod.net) or call Joan Konopka at 945-2141 for more info.

