



Spectacles

April 2016



Monthly Newsletter of The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin, NH

Minister's Missive

Dear Congregation,

I have been meeting with the clergy from several other area churches. We have named ourselves the Twin Rivers Clergy Fellowship (TRCF). Our first inter-denominational event was the Thanksgiving service at the UCC church this past November.

At a Parish Meeting this winter, the Caring Committee raised a concern about the children on the school lunch program. What do they do when school is on vacation? Sara Tracy, who is the Franklin Welfare Dept., put me in touch with the Franklin Recreation department. The past several years, they have been working with a program called the Summer Food Service Program for the children registered in their summer program but not for other children in the community. The program is funded and organized by the Belknap/Merrimack County CAP (Community Action Program). The Parish Committee suggested I offer our Meetinghouse as a central location for a wider program this summer. Our Meetinghouse is known by the community as the home for Bread and Roses and we have been hoping to have the building used more by the community.

I brought the information about the program and the offer of our Meetinghouse to the TRCF. Five of the clergy representatives are speaking with their congregations about taking responsibility for one day of the week (Monday – Friday) to hand out bag lunches for seven weeks this summer

We, UUCF, would contribute our building, an administrative organizer (that would be me), and volunteers to sub in when a person can't make it on short notice. When I hear back from the other churches, I'll write up something with more details and descriptions of volunteer opportunities. I'm very excited that our building could be used to benefit the community this summer. Stay tuned.....

This month's Hymn Sing is **Wed. April 6th at 7:00pm**

Perhaps we can work on something to sing for the Flower Service in June. Come, make music with us.



Saturday April 9th

There's still time to register for the Northern New England District conference in Concord. The District Conference is a great way to make connections with other relatively nearby UUs. It's fun to have so many of us together. Please consider coming to it. A link to the registration site is below.

<http://www.newenglanduua.org/content/northern-new-england-district-uua-annual-meeting>

Enjoy the longer days – the warmer temperatures *will* follow.

Happy Spring!

Namaste,
Emily
Consulting Minister





A Month of Sundays

(Services begin at 10 am.)



APRIL 3RD – Kali Fyre will be leading our service on "Unity In the Variety." Libby Danahy will be our musician and Denise Steadman, our Worship Associate.

APRIL 10TH – Dana Capasso Stivers will give a sermon. Sarah Dan Jones will be our musician. Susan Haines our Worship Associate

APRIL 17TH – Rev. Emily Burr will present a sermon about the 6th principle: "Are we our neighbors' keeper?" Robin Charles will be our musician and Kim Donovan, our Worship Associate.

APRIL 24TH – Speaker TBD. Paul Hubert will be our musician.



HYMN SING
1st Wed. of the month.
April 6th | 7-8:30 pm
UUCF Meetinghouse
We welcome all!

UUA Workshop: Congregations Choosing Their Futures and How They Do It



On **April 30th**, Emily would like a few folks to join her in this interesting workshop for lay leaders and religious professionals considering various options about their congregation's future.

This Workshop will explore:

- What you need to know about your congregation to "face the facts" faithfully
- What creative options are available for moving into the future
- Strategies to inspire congregation-wide dialogue and faithful choices
- Partnerships to help your congregation assess all possibilities

This event continues a region-wide dialogue about the future of smaller UU congregations that began last spring.

PRESENTERS:

Doug Zelinski,
Congregational Redevelopment Lead &
Karen Bellavance-Grace,
Congregational Collaborations Lead

WHEN: APRIL 30th, 10am to 3pm

LOCATION: UU Church of Manchester, NH
Please contact Emily if you would like to attend



Religious Education students, Lily and Cole, weaving, while discussing the Unitarian Universalist third Principle: We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together. .

UUCF APRIL 2016

APRIL

Sun Apr 3, 2016

10am - 11am Kali Fyre, "Unity In the Variety"

11am - 12pm Birthday Cake Sunday

Wed Apr 6, 2016

7pm - 8:30pm Hymn Sing

Sat Apr 9, 2016

9:30am - 3pm NNED Spring Conference

Sun Apr 10, 2016

10am - 11am Dana Capasso Stivers

Wed Apr 13, 2016

6pm - 7pm Music & Worship Meeting

Sun Apr 17, 2016

10am - 11am Rev. Emily Burr, "Are we our neighbors' keeper?"

11am - 12pm Soup and Bread Sunday

Wed Apr 20, 2016

7pm - 8pm Parish Committee

Fri Apr 22, 2016

All day Uno's Dough Raiser

Fri Apr 22, 2016 - Sat Apr 23, 2016

Sat Apr 23, 2016

12pm - 12pm Newsletter Submission Deadline

Sun Apr 24, 2016

10am - 11am TBA

Sat Apr 30, 2016

10am - 3pm

Congregations Choosing Their Futures and How They Do It (UUA Workshop)

Where: Manchester UU

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- ** Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen serves dinner at the Meetinghouse every Monday & Thursday at 5:00pm
- News & Notes Submissions Due Thursdays at Noon

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UUCF April Birthdays

Join us April 4th for Birthday Cake Sunday and celebrate the following UUCF birthdays:

Maggie S.
Josselyn
Elin S-H.

Lily J..
Esther S-H.
Myles D.

Lindley K.
Solomon S.
Stephanie V.
Vinney P.



To add a birthday
to our list,
please contact
Beth Robinson

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Sunday on every month.



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