

# Spectacles

February 2016



Monthly Newsletter of The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin, NH

## Minister's Missive

Dear Congregation,

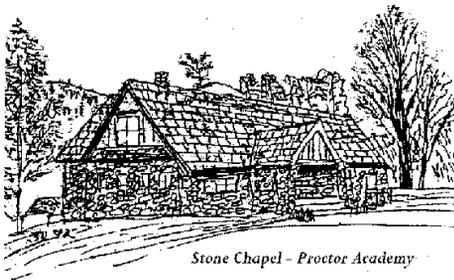
Well, here comes February. The shortest but sometimes the harshest month of winter. I've noticed, I almost always start my Minister's Missive with something seasonal or weather related. I've been working on being more "in the present" and I've come to be aware of, to appreciate and to enjoy our New England seasons, especially since I spent three years in South Africa. There the weather and seasons aren't as different or as interesting. Just now, I am looking out my window at the sunshine and the first day above freezing in a loooong time. Spring *is* on its way. Not that I'm wishing winter away yet, but I do wonder what I'll plant in my garden this year...



On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the sermon title will be, "Freedom and Responsibility." The topic is our 4<sup>th</sup> UU Principle - we affirm and promote the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. What kind of freedom do we as Unitarian Universalists have? What responsibilities go along with that freedom?

The first Adult RE class I've offered has begun with 6 people. We'll be meeting each Tuesday evening through mid-March. I'll be offering another class in the fall. I'd be glad to talk with anyone about the subject and look together at possibilities. Also if anyone else is interested in giving a one-evening or several session class, please let me or Cindy know.

The kettle is whistling on my wood stove. I'll go make some tea and enjoy the winter day.



Stone Chapel - Proctor Academy

We have invited KUUF to join us for our Sunday morning service and Bread and Soup lunch on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Many of you know that I served as KUUF's 1/2-time consulting minister for four years after I was ordained in 2004. They are my "first church" and will always be special to me. I'm looking forward to seeing some old friends and introducing them to my new ones.



Keep warm and well.

Namaste,  
Emily





## A Month of Sundays

(Services begin at 10 am.)



**FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>** – Dana Capasso Stivers will be leading a service. Libby Danahy will be our musician and Denise Steadman, our Worship Associate.

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>** – For this year's Evolution Weekend service Vince Ribas will give a sermon on 'Science and Faith.' If there is interest, there will be a screening of 'Faith and Doubt: Science and Religion in the Search for Truth' following the service. This thought provoking video, which presents a different take on this subject, is just over an hour. Paul Hubert will be our musician and Kim Donovan, our Worship Associate.

**FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>** – Rev. Emily Burr will present a sermon entitled "Freedom and Responsibility," about our 4<sup>th</sup> UU Principle. Robin Charles will be our musician and Susan Haines, our Worship Associate.

**FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>** – Hillary Collins-Gilpatrick will be presenting a sermon. Robin Charles will be our musician and Louise Proctor, our Worship Associate.

### A Parish Note

With our Meetinghouse there is always much TO DO and thanks to our Building and Grounds Committee and other volunteers here are the tasks that are **DONE!**

**GUTTERS** – The installation of rain gutters and leaf guards have been completed on the west (ramped) side of the building. Installation was done by Jason Stockbridge of Stockbridge Seamless Gutters in Franklin. This should substantially diminish the runoff that continues to seep into the Religious Education area of the basement.

**BOILER INSPECTION** – Per the NH state requirements, our boiler was inspected and approved on January 15, 2016. Thanks to Vince Ribas for arranging that. The state will send a certificate which is good for two years and should be displayed in the boiler room.

**RAMPED DOOR** – Work to replace the supporting structure at the top of the handicap ramp has been completed. The supporting sill was rotted through and needed to be completely replaced. This should eliminate the sagging that created a high ridge at the door jamb which made it difficult for wheelchairs to get over.

**BACK DOOR** – No decision has been made on replacing the back door. The locking mechanism seems to be working for now. Under consideration are the type, material and style of door and locking mechanism for which the committee is awaiting additional quotes.

**FRONT DOOR(S)** – There continues to be a problem with the front door to the sanctuary being found unlocked and/or open. Building & Grounds members are trying to determine the cause. This is an issue of security as well as heat loss when the door is open in winter.

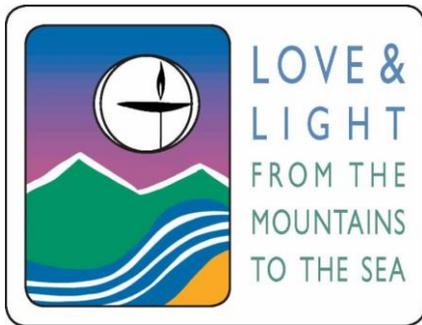
**BASEMENT RECONSTRUCTION** – The Tuesday night construction team has resumed working.

*Everyone is welcome to pitch in to help to get the RE area back in shape.*

Source: 1/20/16 Building & Grounds Committee Report submitted by Colleen Jacques

## SAVE THE DATE!

The 8th Annual Meeting  
of the  
Northern New England District,  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
will be held  
**Saturday, April 9, 2016**  
at the [UU Church in Concord, NH.](#)



The NNED Board will be hosting a reception on Friday evening, April 8th. Further details and registration information to come.

Yours in faith,

Dana Baron,  
President, [NNEDBoard@googlegroups.com](mailto:NNEDBoard@googlegroups.com)  
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Rev. Olivia Holmes, Secretary  
Rev. Mark Glovin,  
Member-at-Large  
Rick David, Member-at-Large  
Anne Kinney, Member-at-Large  
Paul Tierney, Member-at-Large



### HYMN SING

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the  
month.

February 3rd | 7-8:30 pm  
UUCF Meetinghouse  
Bring suggestions for your  
favorite hymns to sing.  
We welcome all!



The New Hampshire Orchid Society is holding it's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show in Nashua, February 12 through the 14<sup>th</sup>.



Would you be interested in going to the Orchid Show with other UUCF folks? Talk to Louise P. or email her at [nhplantlady@gmail.com](mailto:nhplantlady@gmail.com) so we can organize a small group to take in the flowers in February.

Proposed date is Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>.  
For more information about the show,  
visit [nhorchids.org](http://nhorchids.org).

## From the Caring Committee

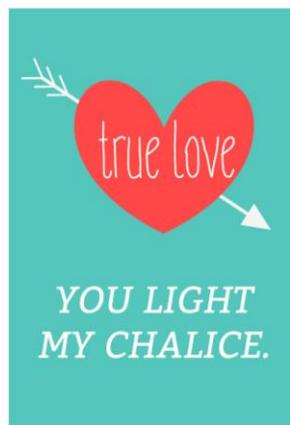
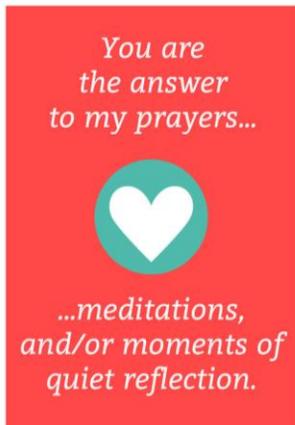
The Caring Committee has been reaching out to support our neighbor, The Twin Rivers Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who has brought in food and donations!



We are asking the congregation to **being in cereal or other items for the Food Pantry the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.** This is same week we do Bread and Soup Sunday.

Also, the Food Pantry is looking for drivers to pick up donated food around town and deliver it to the Food Pantry. Lifting boxes and using a dolly is necessary. Please let Pat, Pauline or Beth know if you are interested. Thanks. Beth

# Unitarian Universalist Valentines



## UUCF February Birthdays

Join us February 7th for Birthday Cake Sunday and celebrate the following UUCF birthdays:

Barbara S.  
Georgia S-H

Howard A.  
Sheryl A.



When is your birthday?  
To add a birthday to our list,  
please contact Beth Robinson

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# UUCF FEBRUARY 2016



**Tue Feb 2, 2016**

6:30pm Tuesday Evening Adult RE: "Build Your Own Theology"

**Wed Feb 3, 2016**

7pm Hymn Sing

**Sun Feb 7, 2016**

10am Dana Capasso Stivers

11am Birthday Cake Sunday

**Tue Feb 9, 2016**

6:30pm Tuesday Evening Adult RE: "Build Your Own Theology"

**Wed Feb 10, 2016**

6pm Music & Worship Meeting

**Sun Feb 14, 2016**

10am Vince Ribas, "Science and Faith"

**Tue Feb 16, 2016**

6:30pm Tuesday Evening Adult RE: "Build Your Own Theology"

**Wed Feb 17, 2016**

7pm Parish Committee

**Sun Feb 21, 2016**

10am Rev. Emily Burr, "Freedom and Responsibility"

11am Soup and Bread Sunday

**Tue Feb 23, 2016**

12pm Newsletter Submission Deadline

6:30pm Tuesday Evening Adult RE: "Build Your Own Theology"

**Fri Feb 26, 2016**

■ All day Uno's Dough Raiser

**Sun Feb 28, 2016**

10am Hillary Collins-Gilpatrick

FEBRUARY 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	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					

February Holidays  
 Groundhog Day - 2  
 Valentine's Day - 14  
 President's Day - 15

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

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