



# Spectacles

May 2016



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Monthly Newsletter of The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin, NH

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## Minister's Missive

Dear Congregation,

The church year is rapidly coming to a close. The flowers are blooming all around. Soon the lilacs will be wafting their delicious scent. I have been enjoying the warmer temperatures and even the stiff muscles from working in my garden. As much as I have grown to appreciate the beauty and snugness of winter, it is still not my favorite season. Being outside in the sunshine, breeze, bugs and growing things is part of my spiritual grounding. I didn't even realize how much I was missing all of that, until I started digging in the dirt again. The lettuce is planted – tomorrow the peas go in.



The Twin Rivers Clergy Fellowship has decided we **do** have enough volunteers to make the Summer Lunch Program a "Go." Krystal from the Franklin Recreation Department has let the person at the Belknap/Merrimack County Community Action Program know that we would like to sponsor an open site for Franklin youth to have lunch 5 days a week for 7 weeks this summer. That person needs to get approval from the federal level of the program. Krystal doesn't expect any problems and we should have word from them in the next week or so. Meanwhile we will set up our schedule.



Along with us, the churches involved are the UCC, Baptist, Catholic and Methodist churches in Franklin and the UCC church in Sanbornton. In late May, we'll have a meeting of all volunteers where Krystal will present an overview of the program. In June, a week or so before the program starts, there will be a brief training by the federal program staff.

I will be wrapping up my seven principles sermon series in May. I'll be putting an insert in the Order of Service this month to ask for ideas of what you might like for sermon topics next year. No promises that I can do them all, but knowing your thoughts will help me plan and read over the summer. I'd enjoy working together with anyone and co-leading the service, so if there is a topic you'd like to explore and co-lead, please include it and indicate your interest in working with me.



Enjoy the return of the longer days and don't let the busy-ness of your days stop you from finding time to get yourself out into the amazing world outside our walls.

Namaste,

Emily  
Consulting Minister





## A Month of Sundays

(Services begin at 10 am.)



**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** – Charlotte Lehmann will be leading our service on "W.W.Y.D.? – Occupy Your Heart." Libby Danahy will be our musician and Louse Proctor, our Worship Associate.

**MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>** – Dana Capasso Stivers will give a sermon. Sarah Dan Jones will be our musician. Susan Haines our Worship Associate

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** – Rev. Emily Burr will present a sermon about the 7<sup>th</sup> principle: "The Amazing Interdependent Web". Paul Hubert will be our musician and Kim Donovan, our Worship Associate.

**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>** – Hillary Collins-Gitpatrick will be giving the sermon and Robin Charles will be our musician. Denise Steadman will be our Worship Associate.

**MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>** – Rev. Brendan Hadash will be joining us. Libby Danahy will be our musician.

### Hymn Sing



### HYMN SING

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month.  
May 4th | 7-8:30 pm  
UUCF Meetinghouse  
We welcome all!



Love radically.  
Serve gratefully.  
Wonder daily.  
Unitarian Universalism



## Thanks for Our Volunteers!



The Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry "Spring Clean-Up" on April 16, 2016 was a huge success thanks to the 10-15 volunteers from local area churches who arrived with their brooms, dust pans and lots of energy.



Pat Sleeper, Denise Steadman and Pauline Chabot, representing the UUCF, took time out of their busy lives to help Rev. Karen Heavey, the new manager of the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry, dust, vacuum and wash floors, walls, ceilings, furniture and food shelves to give her building and grounds a clean and fresh appearance.

Bagels and cream cheese, hot coffee and tea, donated by Rev. Heavey, kept the volunteers energized and able to complete the project within three hours.

Rev. Heavey, was overjoyed with the love, support, and cooperation exhibited by the volunteers and gratefully thanked everyone who helped prepare her food pantry for the many local residents who will be picking up healthy and nutritious foods for their families. Food that is being donated by Hannaford, BJ's and other local food stores.





## From the Parish Committee



In the spring of 2015, UUCF applied for a \$5700 grant from the Downing Trust which is managed by the Concord UU. Our application was submitted after the due date so we did not receive funds at that time. We were, however, encouraged to reapply in the spring of 2016.

The work that has been targeted for this funding is repair of the handicap ramp and reconstruction of the basement RE area. Both areas are considered as essential to the future of our congregation. Because of a "window of opportunity" that occurred in December, work was begun on the ramp.

The rotted sill was replaced and new, more substantial rain gutters were installed. The Downing trust agreed to consider the extenuating circumstances of our need for these repairs. The Treasurer of the Downing Trust visited our Meetinghouse 2 weeks ago and was impressed by both the scope of the work that needs to be done and by the determination of this

congregation to bring our Meetinghouse back to full functioning. He congratulates you all.

We were subsequently notified that our request was fully funded for \$5700. Our Treasurer, Kim Donovan, has check in hand. We are more than delighted to report that the Downing Trust grant has not only fully met our request for \$5700 but has supported our work with an additional \$1000. The check received was for a total of \$6700. We have to report the specifics of what the money was used for but, that said, we have been encouraged to apply again in 2017.

The UUCF Meetinghouse rebuilding "dream" project often times appears to be beyond the abilities of a small congregation such as ours. And certainly it is not for the faint of heart. But we gain encouragement and support from the wider UU congregations. We should always remember that and return that support whenever possible. We thank both the Chalice Lighters and the Concord UU for their grants which have totaled \$8699.86.

“That’s what it means to plant – to give the seed to the earth and to trust the goodness that made and sustains this earth, to work good beyond our vision and control.”

– CARL SCOVEL  
(UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST, CLERGY)  
NEVER FAR FROM HOME: STORIES  
FROM THE RADIO PULPIT

## Cultural Homestay is looking for families

Cultural Homestay is looking for families to host a foreign exchange student for the 2016-2017 school year. We would like families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to other cultures. Families or individuals can host one or two students and can choose a student who is a good fit for their family's interests and lifestyle.

Students come from 35 different countries. They bring all their own spending money and insurance. I provide support and serve as a liaison with the school district. If you would be interested in learning more, please send me email me at [susan@gatehouseguidance.com](mailto:susan@gatehouseguidance.com) or call me at [603-387-7050](tel:603-387-7050). Thank you for considering this amazing opportunity to take local action that makes an international impact.

Susan Dymont

## About our Speakers: Charlotte Lehmann

We have enjoyed having a number of new faces on the pulpit this year. Charlotte Lehmann will be joining us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



Charlotte Lehmann Charlotte has received preliminary fellowship status with the UUA. She has served the First Church in Belmont (MA) as the Acting Director of Children's Religious Education for the past two years. Raised in the Upper Midwest, she is a life-long UU. Charlotte earned her M.Div. from Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary in 2012; she holds a M.S. and a B.A. in Geological Sciences (UMAINE, 1991 and Mt. Holyoke College, 1983, respectively). In addition, Charlotte is a SUNDOOR certified Master Firewalk Instructor and Breathwork practitioner.

Charlotte was raised in the Upper Midwest and is a life-long UU. She loves spending time in the outdoors, traveling, cooking, choral singing, reading and watching movies, to name a few favorite activities.

## Spring Yard Sale



**Saturday May 28th  
8am to 2pm**

Treasures, novelties and everything in between. Contributions may be left at the meetinghouse, either in the old RE room or in the corner of the big room downstairs. We don't want Yard Sale items to accidentally get mixed in with things belonging to the meetinghouse. Items can also be brought the evening before the sale. And of course, don't forget to come shop!

## UUCF May Birthdays

Join us May 1st for Birthday Cake Sunday and celebrate the following UUCF birthdays:

<b>Paul D.</b>	<b>Valerie C.</b>	<b>Seth W.</b>
<b>Toby W.</b>	<b>Paul H.</b>	<b>Gail M.</b>
<b>Cadi</b>	<b>Brain C.</b>	<b>Susan S.</b>
<b>David G.</b>	<b>Caron G.</b>	<b>Molly G.</b>



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

## REMINDER:

We are collecting Food Panty Donations on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday on every month.



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# UUCF MAY 2016



**Sun May 1, 2016**

**9 am Canvass Committee Breakfast**

**10 am W.W.Y.D.? - Occupy Your Heart, Charlotte Lehmann**

**11 am Birthday Cake Sunday**

**Wed May 4, 2016**

**7 pm Hymn Sing**

**Thu May 5, 2016**

**7:30 am 2nd Annual Interfaith Breakfast on National Prayer Day**

**Sun May 8, 2016**

**10 am Dana Capasso Stivers**

**Wed May 11, 2016**

**6 pm Music & Worship Meeting**

**Sun May 15, 2016**

**10 am The 7th Principle, Rev. Emily Burr**

**11 am Soup and Bread Sunday**

**Wed May 18, 2016**

**7 pm Parish Committee**

**Sun May 22, 2016**

**10 am Hillary Collins-Fitzpatrick**

**Mon May 23, 2016**

**12 pm Newsletter Submission Deadline**

**Fri May 27, 2016**

**All day Uno's Dough Raiser**

**Sat May 28, 2016**

**8 am Spring Yard Sale**

**Sun May 29, 2016**

**10 am Rev. Brendan Hadash**

May 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	30	31	1	2	3	4

\*\* 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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