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## September 2015



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Monthly Newsletter of The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin, NH

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### Minister's Missive

Hello, members of the UU Congregation of Franklin,

I am really excited about being your new consulting minister. I am especially glad I will be able to be with you for the opening service of the year. The Water Ceremony has become one of my favorite UU traditions. I enjoy learning about each individual and family who bring a sample of water and share a bit of their summer experiences. In the combining of water we bring a piece of who we have been during the summer. As we join our water with others in the congregation, we recreate our faith community for another year.



During the coming year I look forward to being your service leader on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Wednesdays will be my day to be in Franklin. I will also be available to attend committee meetings on Wednesday evenings. Please feel free to contact me by phone (603 899-7570) or email ([revemilyburr@gmail.com](mailto:revemilyburr@gmail.com)) to plan a time to get together or just to talk.

Getting to know someone is a mutual process. Since I wish to get to know you, I'll share a bit of my story:

I was born and raised in Brookline, Massachusetts the oldest of three children. I majored in physics in college and spent a year in an astronomy PhD program. After deciding I didn't want to spend my life looking through a telescope or in academia, I moved to Arkansas. During the thirteen years I lived in Fayetteville, I met my first husband and my son and daughter were born. Twenty-five years ago I moved back to New England and have called the Concord area home since then. In 1999 I listened to the call to ministry and attended Andover Newton Theological School a few miles from where I lived as a child. I served the Kearsarge UU Fellowship as their 1/2 time consulting minister for four years. I resigned because my husband and I decided to join the Peace Corps. We lived and worked in South Africa for over three years. When we returned a year and a half ago, we purchased a house in Canterbury where we live with our two cats. My daughter is married and lives in Pennsylvania and my son is a small business owner in Concord. We are GPIWs (grandparents in waiting).

That's the brief version. Now it's your turn. Please share your story with me - set a time to meet on a Wednesday, talk with me after church, call me on the phone. It's hard to minister to people you don't know. Oh, and please be patient with me when I have to ask your name *again*. If I forget, it doesn't mean I don't care, it just means my 64 year old brain doesn't hold on to names as well as it used to.

Namaste,

Emily

(Namaste is a word that comes from Sanskrit that is often translated as "the divine spark in me honors the divine spark in you")



## WORSHIP AT UU CONGREGATION OF FRANKLIN THIS YEAR.



Rev. Emily Burr will be in the pulpit leading worship primarily on the third Sunday of the month.

In addition Hilary Collins-Gilpatrick, who recently graduated from the Harvard Divinity School and has been doing her internship, will return to speak, plus Rev. David Robins and Rev. Drew Moeller will be filling in. There may be a few other surprises as time goes on, so stay tuned!

The music in our services will again be supported and provided by a regular variety of musicians including Paul Hubert, Libby Danahy, Sarah Dan Jones (when she has a free Sunday away from the Plymouth congregation), and Robin Charles.



## A Month of Sundays (Services begin at 10 am.)



**September 13** – Our new quarter-time minister, Rev. Emily Burr, will preside over the Annual Water Communion. Many Unitarian Universalist congregations hold an ingathering service known as Water Communion in late summer. This tradition began sometime in the 1980's. This meaningful ceremony reminds us that in worship and congregational life we seek to interweave the waters of our spiritual journeys.

If you have some water that has provided some significant spiritual meaning or nurture in your life, please feel free to bring a small amount with you. We will also provide water.

Libby Danahy be the musician and Susan Haines will be the worship assistant.

**September 20** – Rev. Brendan Hadash as speaker with Robin Charles as musician.

**September 27** – Rev. David Robbins as speaker with Libby Danahy as musician.



### HYMN SINGS COMING SOON

We are thinking of scheduling some Hymn Sings this year! Be thinking about whether you would like to participate! – Beth Robinson

## Parish Committee Retreat Notes

The Parish Committee met for Retreat on Sunday, August 16th where we introduced and reintroduced ourselves to Rev. Emily Burr, our new quarter time Minister and Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, our new Administrative Assistant. During their hour stay with us we discussed goals such as implementing Google Docs for better organization and improved flow of communication.



Officers were elected: Howard Amsden, Chairperson; Colleen Jacques, Vice Chairperson; Cindy Clarenbach, Clerk. The other Parish Committee members are Kim Donovan, Treasurer; Mary Ahlgren, Beth Robinson and Stephanie Van Horn. The Parish Committee's priorities for the year center on improving accessibility physically, audibly and visually. Physically we would like to keep the basement work momentum going as well as moving that momentum to the upstairs (including but definitely not limited to the wheelchair ramp). As was voted to do at the June Annual meeting we are in the process of establishing a working group to develop a plan to repair, upgrade and otherwise enhance the appearance and functionality of the Meetinghouse and its grounds. We would like to improve audibly by looking into a new system for the hearing impaired and providing coaching for lay leaders in better use of microphones and speaking discernibly. Not only do we want our Meetinghouse to be more visually pleasing, we want to be visible; we want to be noticed! Ideas around this are hanging a large outside banner, having designated parking out front, having coffee hour on the front lawn with musical entertainment.

We would also like to increase our visibility by having more social celebrations as a congregation as well as extending invitations to events to the larger community. We are not looking at this as one person or group to plan every celebration/event (as in a "committee") but as an opportunity for several "event planners" to share in the different endeavors. With that said: anyone interested in planning a fall event?

Another priority is getting the Parsonage sold. All inside/outside repairs have been made and inside painting is expected to be completed soon, after which Donna Tully (who we've extended our contract with until October) will hold an Open House.

Finally, we set a priority to become comfortable with electronic communication as a committee and will plan a learning session with Kaela on to how to use Google Docs efficiently.

The following are the UUCF committees and their members:

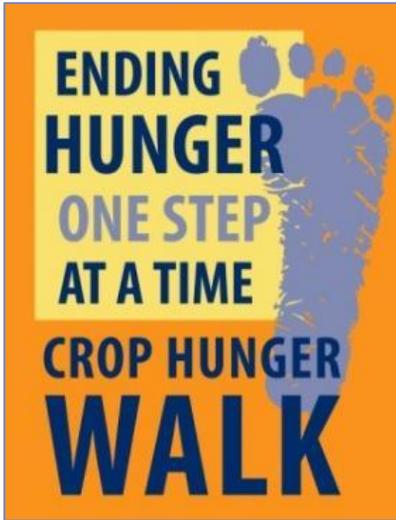
**Music and Worship:** Susan Haines, Stan Robinson, Denise Steadman and Kim Donovan as PC liaison. **Religious Education:** Tia Andrighetti, Adrienne Tuch, Tana Cutting-Hartshorn and Cindy Clarenbach (PC liaison). **Caring Committee:** Beth Robinson (PC liaison) and Pauline Chabot. **Buildings & Grounds:** Joel Anderson, Paul Duncanson, Vince Ribas, Joe Schmidl, and Colleen Jacques (PC liaison).

**ALL committees would be grateful for new members.**



## What's Up in RE?

The Religious Education students will once again join other area congregations in the annual Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk.



Church World Service was created more than 65 years ago by Christians who wanted to put their faith into action. On behalf of its 37 member denominations and churches, CWS responds to disasters, supports long-term community development and seeks durable solutions for refugees and the displaced. CWS works with partners and supporters of many faith traditions and helps people in need regardless of what they believe or what they look like. Visit [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) for more information about CWS.

25% of the money raised will go to local food pantries: First Fruits in Sanbornton and Twin Rivers Food Pantry in Franklin. Walkers can designate which food pantry they want their money to go to or they can choose both.

**Fight hunger globally and in your local community by becoming a CROP Walk walker or supporting someone who is by making a donation.**

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2015

Place: O'Dell Park, Franklin

Time: 1:15-Registration 2:00-Walk

Please contact Cindy C. for more info: 934-2158 [hope@metrocast.net](mailto:hope@metrocast.net)

basketcasecomix.com



"I think it's about time we have a yard sale."

## Fall Yard Sale....

It's not too soon to start thinking about the Fall Yard Sale. In the Spring, we brought in more money than we ever had for a yard sale! Can we surpass that figure?

The date will be **Saturday October 3, 2015** from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Please sort out your "good" stuff for the sale! Items can be placed in the basement, but please make sure that we (Denise, Susan, or Stan) are aware of where you have placed things so they won't get confused with things that belong to the congregation. Also, please consider how you can help out, i.e. set up, selling, or clean up.



## CHALICE LIGHTER PROGRAM

of the Northern New England District

April 20, 2015

Colleen Jacques  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin  
206 Central Street  
Franklin, NH 03235

Dear Colleen and members of your UU Congregation,

The Chalice Lighter Committee is pleased to inform you that you have been chosen as a recipient of a Chalice Lighter Grant for the April 2015 call. We are impressed with the work and fundraising you have done to renovate your building following a recent and devastating flood which will again allow you to host community meetings, food shelf and congregational events and programming.

Our experience in recent years is that our Chalice Lighter calls generate at least \$3,000 and your congregation is joined by the Bennington, Vermont congregation for the award this round. Again, we are not able to determine an exact amount until we receive our membership contributions, but hope that we will be able to increase the award as our membership increases. We estimate that you will receive your grant in about six weeks.

We hope that you will engage a member or members in your congregation to become champions for this program, and encourage people to become Chalice Lighter members to support other UU congregations in our region. The Chalice Lighter program has been able to support a variety of projects, ministry and building renovations and upgrades over the years, and we will be able to offer even more support if our membership increases. Lastly, our committee would be grateful if a member of your congregation is willing to serve as a contact person for Chalice Lighters, as it will help us stay in touch with you and strengthen the program.

We are glad to be able to offer this grant to support your congregation to help in renovating your building and hope it will allow your congregation to continue to grow and be a vital witness for Unitarian Universalism in Franklin, New Hampshire. Thank you for helping to strengthen our faith!

*UUCF applied to Chalice Lighters for a growth grant of \$2000. We were awarded a total of \$1999.86.*

*Colleen*

Sincerely,

Rev. Telos Whitfield  
Chair, Chalice Lighter Committee  
Kathy Kellison and Betsy Arnold

## Water Poems

### **Living Waters**

By [Stephen M Shick](#)

We float on a sea  
hidden beneath dry surfaces  
covered by stones.  
Isn't this why we drink and dive so deeply  
go down to the sea in ships  
risk drowning, again and again?  
Isn't this why Moses parted the waters  
to begin his journey?  
Why Jesus crossed the waters  
to comfort and challenge us?  
We were born in water.  
We float free in water.  
We are washed clean by water.  
Isn't this why we long to find our inward  
sea?  
To help us wash clean the world?

Source: ["Becoming: A Spiritual Guide for Navigating Adulthood"](#)

### **Water**

© Kavanagh A. McGeough

Plunge into the glinting fjord,  
Dive into the deep rushing river,  
Glide across the muddy swamp,  
Float in the green lake,  
Submerge in the salty ocean,  
Freeze in the icy sound,  
Immerse in the soggy channel,  
The winding river is gushing into the arctic  
ocean,  
A swirling puddle reflects traffic,  
Multicolored,  
Changing life,  
Sustaining water.

## Joys and Concerns request from Colleen



Erica Calcagno is my chiropractor. More importantly, she is a young woman who is a daughter, sister, mother, friend, role model, healer, teacher....and she is now in Mass General Hospital doing battle with Stage 4 cancer. Please put her in your thoughts and prayers as right now she could use all the good karma we can pile on her.

## Parsonage Update

Most of the repairs to the parsonage have been completed. I believe there is one broken window pane remaining to be replaced. Repairs have been made to the interior walls, wallpaper stripped, and all the walls and trim painted to look fresh and lovely. The French doors into the living room were located, painted and are being rehung. The garage doors were removed (a huge improvement) and exterior repairs and trim painting has been nearly completed. Once the workers are finished the realtor expects to schedule an open house to show off the new and improved parsonage and we hope for a quick sale.  
- Colleen



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	4 pm - Bread&Roses			4 pm - Bread&Roses		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day 4 pm - Bread&Roses		6 pm - Music&Worshi	4 pm - Bread&Roses		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 am - Worship	4 pm - Bread&Roses		7 pm - Parish	4 pm - Bread&Roses		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 am - Worship	4 pm - Bread&Roses		Newsletter	4 pm - Bread&Roses	Uno's Dough Raiser	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
10 am - Worship	4 pm - Bread&Roses			4 pm - Bread&Roses		

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## UUCF September Birthdays

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

Sarah P.  
Vince R.  
Mary A.  
Nathan S.  
Isaac G.  
Suzanna H.



### A Welcome Addition

Libby Danahy and her husband Richard announce the arrival of their new grandson, Parker Q. Danahy, on July 31, 2015. Arriving more than three weeks ahead of schedule, Parker's birth coincided with the second full moon of July, making his arrival a 'once in a blue moon' event!

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