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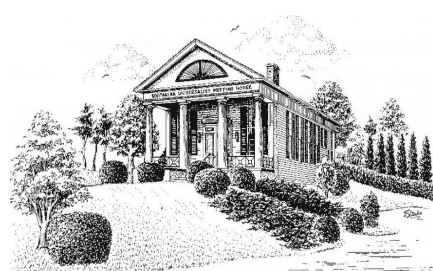
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THURSDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERTS

7:30 PM \$15 SUGGESTED DONATION
(Doors open at 7:00 PM)

July 7 Frank and Chev

On guitar and bass, performing jazz, rock and soul standards

July 14 Jacqueline Schwab and Rose Clancy

Schwab's rich style is instantly recognizable in the music of
many of Ken Burns' films such as *The Civil War*. Clancy's fiddling
has been called "lovely, energetic music played without pretension"
by Daniel Neely of the *Irish Echo*.

July 21 All Worn Out Jug Band

A Cape Cod tradition, the AWOJB is a post-revival roots music band
that plays on a washtub bass, dueling washboards, kazoos, whistles,
and of course, a jug - a full complement of strings including guitar,
mandolin, ukulele, fiddle, banjo, and an occasional concertina

July 28 Keltic Kids (tentative)

Founded in 2012 by Clayton Marsh, Keltic Kids is a group of
beguiling young musicians who come together to play fiddles, Irish
whistles, flutes, harps, and other Celtic instruments that will have you
dancing a jig.

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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

July 3 Freedom is not free Rev. Edmund Robinson

The theme of this years' Fourth of July Parade is the occasion for some reflections about what freedom means and what it doesn't.

July 10 God the Magician? Rev. Edmund Robinson

Pope Francis declares that "God is not a Magician" in arguing that Christians should accept the theory of evolution and the Big Bang. This is an important step, but is His Holiness identifying God with the laws of Nature, as Emerson did? If so, what is left of the supernatural?

July 17 Is Reason Supreme? Rev. Edmund Robinson

The IRAS conference on Star Island this summer examined the question of how we can know anything, and one of the most fascinating questions connected with this is the role of reason in understanding. Is reason an evolved property of the mind? Is reason adequate to understand reality if reality is itself unreasonable?

July 24 Gospel Sunday

A chance to do some singing with members of the All Worn Out Jug Band.

July 31 Outside the Box Rev. Edmund Robinson

What would a different way to do church look and feel like?



Sightings**the Rev. Edmund Robinson**

I have just returned from Ministry Days, the UU Ministers' gathering which precedes General Assembly (GA) in Columbus, Ohio, and am in town for one day before going to the Council meeting in Portsmouth NH preceding the week on Star Island of the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS). Barbara Whittaker-Johns, wife of our own Frank Toppa, is President of IRAS, and Barbara, Frank and their son Isaac, will all be on Star, as will many of my old friends and comrades.

On Cape Cod, we live on a peninsula, which literally means "almost an island." But there is something special about being on a real island, particularly one small enough to see from one side to another, that is, to see unmistakably that the ocean surrounds you on all sides. The mainland is ten miles away, and you can see south to Cape Ann and north 30 miles up the Maine Coast. Seagulls wheel over you day and night, swooping and soaring and landing and taking off, and woe betide anyone who tries to get near a juvenile while the mother is nearby, as she usually is.

The little stone chapel is on the highest point of the island; it is simple and graceful, never wired for electricity, though a power cable runs from a nearby building to power the loudspeaker. You need the loudspeaker if you are going to attend to the chapel services from out on the rocks; about half the morning worshippers do. You can have it all; the warm and sunny rock, the flights of the gulls, the thrill of the sailboats, and the hymns and prayers and lofty thoughts emanating from the minister. It's a holy experience.

Many of the buildings at Star were built by our own Dick Soule, as he never tired of relating to me when he was alive. Dick had many tales to tell of the challenges a contractor faced getting material out to the island and protecting them from the elements as the buildings went up.

Of course, the 20th century stone buildings Dick built are a counterpoint to the magnificent nineteenth century Oceanic hotel which first greets the visitor on stepping off the ferry boat. Many a late-night conversation on the rocking chairs of the Oceanic plumbed the big questions of purpose and reason.

In case you can't tell, I'm looking forward to my week on Star.

Blessings,

Edmund



FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES AND FUND RAISER



The Cape's best 4th of July Parade refreshment stand will open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 4th on the front lawn of the Meeting House, with fresh popcorn, iced coffee, lemonade, New York bagels with cream cheese and hot dogs for parade goers, complete with a prime viewing spot for the parade.



MAGIC SHOW RETURNS ON WEDNESDAYS THIS SUMMER

On Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00 pm, and every Wednesday through August 24th, Richard Archer & Co. returns to Chatham with "magic, mystery, and fun for the whole family!" Rich's magic show is so popular that many families return year after year. All tickets are \$10 and available at the UUMH Thrift Shop, Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or at the door the evening of the show, beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads. (Thoreau)

SUMMER POT LUCK AT HARDINGS BEACH

Our annual Beach Pot luck Supper will be held on **July 20 at 5:00 at Hardings Beach in the first parking lot.**

With the feeling of the annual meeting in mind, we are asking everyone to bring their own plates, cups, cutlery, chair and drinks. Each should provide a dish to share, appetizer, main dish or dessert. Feel free to come with bathing suits on!! A signup sheet will circulate on Sundays beginning July 10. Please call Mary Parsons at 432-7194 with questions.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS YEAR'S FLECK AWARDS

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!WELL DESERVED!!!!!!!!!!!!

CHERI ARMSTRONG



GAIL ELDREDGE



DICK ECCLES



UUYOUTH**from Gail Eldredge**

The UUYouth thank everyone who made their special Children's Day Service a great finale to their year. Every student participated in one capacity or another.

Chandler Cheron and Sarah Needel deserve special recognition for their insightful and sincere sermons. The dancers, with the inspiration of Naomi Turner, brought a delightful presence to the service. Special thanks to the parents (and little brother) who ushered for the service and served refreshments on the portico.

And, of course we could not have presented the musical piece without our ever patient and steadfast friend, Frank Toppa. Thank you Frank!

A very special thank you to Cheri Armstrong for helping the children put the service together. Her patience and dedication to these children are an inspiration to all. We all wish Cheri good luck in her future endeavors and will miss her bubbly enthusiasm.

A new tradition was instituted this year by Jan Bianculli who generously donated a potted geranium for each child. Thank you Jan!

The RE committee is being re-populated and we are looking forward to an exciting RE program to commence in September. Anyone who wishes to join our committee should contact Gail Eldredge at 945-2209.

**IN MEMORIAM****Phoebe Soule****1918-2016**

WHO'S NEW

Each year Liz Van Wye of the Membership Committee puts together brief biographies of new members of UUMH to help us get to know each other better. Here two more new members to welcome

New Member, **Dorria Marsh** credits her daughter Zoe with the reason she and her family first came to the UUMH. "Since Zoe is an only child, I was looking for a bigger family for her, a place where she can find a similar community wherever in the world she ultimately lands," Marsh said.

A native of Manchester, Connecticut, Marsh and her husband Chris Simmons moved to Harwich after Zoe was born to be near family. Marsh is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University, where she studied art and art education. Marsh and Simmons own and operate a video production studio called Zygote Digital Films offering a full range of production and event services, with an interest in non-profits, education, and environmental issues.

Marsh found UUMH through Gail Eldredge and her family. Gail's granddaughter Emma went to the same nursery school as Zoe and Gail told Marsh about the UUMH Sunday School. "Zoe likes it," Marsh said with a smile. "She likes being with other kids!"

As for herself Marsh says she is also finding some things for her personally. "The thing I like most is the way things are being talked about," Marsh said. "The bigger picture is spot on for me – I like the broader conversation." She knows that she is from a different demographic than most of the members, but added that she has received "an extremely warm welcome since the moment I walked in. I look forward to getting to know people more."

Margaret Tompsett joined UUMH last spring. Hailing from England, Tompsett is a retired child and adolescent psychiatrist who is the third generation woman physician in her family.

In 1969, a one-year fellowship after her medical training brought her and husband Michael to the United States, where she trained at Montefiore Hospital in New York City. Michael found a job at Bell Labs in New Jersey. "We came to the state because of me," Tompsett said with a smile. "But we stayed because Mike became so involved in exciting research (he invented the digital camera) that he did not want to leave!"

The family, which eventually included four children, lived in Summit, New Jersey where Tompsett established a private practice. In addition to seeing her own patients, she served as President of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association. In the 70s they visited friends in Chatham, and fell in love with the town. After vacationing here for many years, they retired here full time in 2012.

While living in Summit, Tompsett was a member of Christ Church, a multid denominational church there. After moving to Chatham, she tried a number of different churches before attending UUMH and deciding it was the right fit for her. She has joined a small group and especially enjoys Edmund's sermons. In addition to doing occasional consulting, she serves as a volunteer on the Red Cross Disaster Mental Health team and with the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

They can because they think they can. (Virgil)

HOSTS AND USHERS JULY & AUGUST

Congregation - July 3
SGM - Barbara Rothenburger - July 10
SGM - Liz Sjogren - July 17
Music Committee - Beth Avery - July 24
Worship Service Committee - Dolly Howell - July 31

SGM - Priscilla Smith - August 7
SGM - Bob Rice - August 14
Pastoral Care - Ann Diggs - August 21
Congregation - August 28

Summer is here! Before we know it will be passed once again. In the meantime we will be gathering on the porch for refreshments and enjoying our visitors. Is there a better place for our table so we don't all bunch together? Should we try the lawn or the other side of the porch? I leave it up to the hosts to decide. Remember you do not need to just ask your committees. There are other church goers who would be glad to help.
Dolly Howell

**MESSAGE TO MEMBERS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

We wish to thank you for the thoughtful and constructive comments made during the Annual Meeting. Just as you will continue to give us guidance through the coming year, we hope to earn your confidence as we explore and implement all promising means to achieve the long-term sustainability of our services and programs. We will continue to be inspired by the amazing accomplishments achieved during the 4-yr term of President, Dick Eccles, and we look forward to the shared wisdom of our new trustees, Bonnie Brydges and Judy Reed. Our thanks to all of you members for the unique loves and talents that you bring to our table.

Beth Avery

**THE GATHERING**

The Gathering will be meeting on Monday July 11 at 5:30 pm at Osprey Point in South Chatham. Bring your supper, chair, bug spray and camera to enjoy the wonders of nature and good conversation with friends.

Directions: Take Forest Beach Road off Rt 28 in South Chatham. Go about 3/4 mile and take left on Bayview Rd. Go 500' and up the hill to what we call "Osprey Point". Call Charlotte Edgecombe 398-8516 with questions.
Hope to see you there.

MORE EXCITING EVENTS AT UUMH IN JULY.....AND AUGUST

July 12, 2 PM

Asa Bryce Eastman Degree Recital

Asa, a student of classical guitar and a senior at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, lives a block from the Meeting House and has performed concerts in our Summer Series, as he is doing on August 11, in a double bill with organist Julian Petralia. But Asa had a hand injury in the spring and could not complete his degree recital, so his faculty advisors said he was welcome to complete it in Chatham when his hand had healed. This degree recital is open to the public free of charge and will last about an hour. It should be well worth an hour of anyone's time.

July 19 6 PM

Habitat for Humanity Chatham kick-off

A community meeting will be held in the UUMH sanctuary for all people interested in volunteering for the Chatham Build of Habitat. Four houses are being erected behind the Hook Fisherman's Association headquarters on Main Street. Come to this meeting to find out how you can help in this effort, which will provide affordable housing for four Chatham families.

And a preview of our August Summer Concert Series

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| August 4 | Billy Hardy & Beth Sweeney | Celtic music featuring fiddle, piano, banjo, and vocals |
| August 11 | Julian Petralia & Asa Bryce | Both Eastman School students, Julian will play on the organ,
and Asa on the classical guitar. |
| August 18 | Denis Meacham & Friends | A lively and engaging evening of music from a Cape fave. |
| August 25 | Bart Weisman Klezmer-Gypsy Jazz Band with Lary Chaplan | |



FOUND: A small gold and jeweled key which would attach to a lapel or something similar. Writing around the stone says "Dupage Unitarian Church 1991." Apparently this is a church in Naperville, IL. If this is yours, please call Sue Bauer at 945-3264. Thanks

CONGREGATE HOUSE SUPPERS

Our next Congregate Supper will be July 17 with Barbara Waters and her helpers. Our next Suppers will be August 21, October 2, and November 13. Helpers will be needed for those dates, and if you are willing to help please contact Barbara Waters at 945-3631 or Jackie Hebert Beale at 945-2131.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

*******The Housing with Love Cross Cape Walk** will take place the week of July 9 thru 17. By sponsoring walkers you raise funds for the many organizations that combat at risk housing and homeless. CECH assists families and singles throughout the communities of UUMH.

On Wednesday July 13 Joan Caputo will be walking from Holy Redeemer Church on Old Harbor Rd in Chatham to Route 137 in South Chatham leaving about 8 to 8:15 AM. Come walk with her! From South Chatham the walk will continue on the bike path to Harwich Center where lunch will be provided, and then on to Yarmouth.

Sponsors are welcome. See Joan to encourage and support her. This is her 15th year walking. Call her at 508-776-0319 to sponsor her, join her, or for more information.



***** **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 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. 1st in order to be involved. It's fun and a nice way to meet new people.

**THRIFT SHOP****Monday through Friday, 10AM to 3PM**

Come and buy, bring us your no-longer needed treasures, volunteer to help.

Call Mary Chesnut at 432-5610 to find out everything!



JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gail and Terry Eldredge have a new granddaughter. Jared and LJ's daughter London Eldredge was born on May 6. She is a cousin to Emma and Luka.

Edmund was a participant in the recent Memorial Day program in Chatham, playing a Civil War song on his fiddle.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Joan Caputo is now using **only** her cell phone. That number is 508-776-0319

Please remember to let the church know if your address or phone or email changes!

UUMH 20th Anniversary

UUMH will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Sunday, October 2nd . We would like to hear from Founding Members who would like to share ideas and help us plan the celebration. Please contact Ron Nickerson at krnicker@comcast.net if you would like to help

FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishables are always welcome. Note that there is now a box attached to the food pantry basket which invites your monetary donations rather than food if this works for you. All money will go directly to the Food Pantry.



STOP AND SHOP Cards

Stop and Shop cards are available from Mary Chesnut before and after Sunday services. These are the same as cash when you are shopping, but also benefit the Food Pantry.

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

July Birthdays

3	Jackie Hebert-Beale
5	Jacqueline Schwab
7	John Redfern
7	Betsy Henry
8	Jim DeVoe
15	Don Stevens
16	Molly Davol
17	Fred Jensen
19	Hoyt Ecker
20	Ann Diggs
22	Jim Robinson
25	Jennifer Ukstins



John Redfern celebrates 95!!

July Anniversaries

2	Jennifer and Juris Ukstins
14	Julie and Jeff Dykens
16	Gail and Terry Eldredge

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THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB



The Third Monday Book Club will meet on Monday July 18 at 10:30 AM.. The book to be discussed is *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear.

Newcomers always welcome, for the year or just for a particular book. Call Mary Parsons 432-7194 for more information and directions to the July location.