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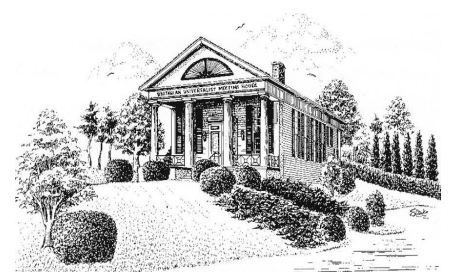
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THURSDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERTS

Each Thursday in July at 7:30 PM

A donation of \$15 is suggested

July 6 **Julian Petrallia**, our young Chatham neighbor, now a student at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, will give our organ a workout performing classical and other music.

July 13 **The Lindsays**, a dynamic husband and wife duo, present a variety of contemporary songs, old ballads, and Irish jigs. Susan plays sax, Irish flute, and whistle; Stephen plays guitar and sings. They are joined by Ted Mello on bass.

July 20 **Chev Hardy**, a remarkable vocalist with an unbelievable range of pitch and timbre and complete mastery of tricky rhythms performs jazz and swing classics, accompanied by an expert spoons player!

July 27 **Priscilla Smith**, a member of the Meeting House, is a virtuoso on the concert harp, playing a variety of classical, popular and folk pieces.



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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 2 The Big Easy and the Really Hard Road Ahead
Rev. Edmund Robinson

Big changes for our movement were on display at General Assembly in New Orleans. What does this mean for the Meeting House and for the nation?

July 9 You Don't Have to Be Perfect to Be Awesome
Rev. Edmund Robinson

One of my favorite Peter Fleck essays is "The blessings of imperfection." In our tradition, we are not fallen from an initial state of perfection and innocence, as in the Garden of Eden, but are perpetually moving by fits and starts toward new ways of being born out of the old.

July 16 A People So Bold **Rev. Paul Sprecher**

Calling a nation (or a ruler) to account is no easy task. Direct confrontation doesn't always work. Sometimes stories or humor can cut through resistance.

July 23 Life is a Pre-existing Condition
Rev. Edmund Robinson

If we want a just system of health care or public welfare generally, we must take everyone as we find them, with all their abilities and disabilities. For the music for this service, we welcome the Chatham Fiddle Orchestra.

July 30 Make a Joyful Noise! All Worn Out Jug Band

A UU Gospel service featuring members of the All Worn Out Jug Band and interested others. Anyone interested in participating, please get in touch with Edmund.

Preaching this month

Many of us will be familiar with Rev. Paul Sprecher who substituted for Edmund from January to June 2014, during Edmund's sabbatical. He is currently minister at First Parish Bridgewater where he has some Sundays where he is not needed. He lives in Scituate. We were all saddened by the loss of his wife to cancer in October.

Sightings
the Rev. Edmund Robinson

It is late June, and that is when the church makes its transition from winter mode to full summer mode. The Thrift Shop is open, the Concert Series and Magic Show are about to start, regular committees have ceased meeting, and our Sunday school and music director are on vacation. I have felt some envy of my colleagues who work in UU Churches in more conventional towns who take July and August off. But we decided at the outset of my ministry that it would be foolish for a church to take off for the summer when that is when most of the visitors come into town. That still makes sense to me.

Yet the doors through which I must personally go to make the transition are General Assembly and Star Island. At the outset of GA this year, I had to go through a stressful airline experience and also learned that an old friend had died back in Charleston. I was anxious about what the experience of GA would be like given all the changes that were taking place in the denomination. I will give you a full report on July 2, but suffice it to say here that I have found an engagement here which allays the worst of my fears and leads to a cautious hope that we may be able to come through this time of change stronger than before. It has been an intense few days.

Blessings,

Edmund



MAGIC BY THE SEA RETURNS

MAGIC BY THE SEA is back at UUMH for its eighth season! "Magic, Mystery, and Fun" for the entire family! Richard Archer and Company return with NEW and OLD astoundingly inventive illusions, comedy, and amazing magic for kids aged 3-103.



This year the shows will be on WEDNESDAY evenings all summer, each week at 7:00 p.m. SHOW DATES July 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

All tickets are \$12 and are sold in the UUMH Thrift Shop M-F 10 am-3 pm and at the door one hour prior to performance. For more info or ONLINE ticket sales please call 617-354-3005 or visit www.ArcherMagicProductions.com.



UU YOUTH

I want to thank everyone in the congregation for helping to make our Children's Service so special. Adults agreeing to sit on the steps for "Adult Time," Jane Eccles lighting the chalice, and all of the children sitting in the pulpit and seeing what the world looks like from that direction all made for a fantastic Children's Service. Special Thanks go to Frank for his part in their music program. He keeps us enthused and happy! We will be taking a break for the summer, but plans are already in the works for some exciting things next year!

Gail Eldredge



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. (Aesop)

HARDINGS BEACH POT LUCK

Come one, come all to the Annual UUMH Hardings Beach Pot Luck on **MONDAY JULY 24 at 5PM**

Meet us in the first parking lot with your chair and a dish to share. We will provide plates and utensils, napkins and cups. We will also provide lemonade and cranberry juice; other beverages are up to you.

Sign up after church on July Sundays.



Rain will cancel.

**JULY 4TH ON THE LAWN**

THIS EVENT IS TAKING A WELL-DESERVED REST THIS YEAR. WATCH FOR US NEXT YEAR!! SAME DAY, SAME PLACE

**FLECK AWARD**

THIS YEAR'S FLECK AWARD HONORS DWIGHT WILSON.

CONGRATULATIONS DWIGHT!! WELL DESERVED

**UUMH office hours**

Andrea's hours have changed. Effective immediately, she will be in the office Mondays, 10-4, Fridays, 10-5, and Sundays, 9:30-12:30

WHO'S NEW

Liz Van Wye offers brief biographies of our newest members. Here are three new members to welcome.

Tom and Kathy Cole

Originally from the Midwest, new members **Tom** and **Kathy Cole** are new to the Cape and new to Unitarian Universalism. Tom is a retired carpenter and a graduate of Michigan Tech. Kathy, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, is recently retired from a career as a federal grant writer for hospitals.

The couple, who are avid birdwatchers, were living in Boston in 2015 when they decided to retire on Cape Cod. Settled in Harwich, without nearby family, they knew it would be important to have a strong community connection. Kathy recalled her first visit to UUMH. "We wanted to try it out and we felt it was a good fit. We really felt welcomed." They didn't stay after the service that first time, Kathy said. "We had to get up the nerve to stay, which we did the next time," she recalled with a smile.

The Coles are already active in the church. Kathy worked on the recently concluded pledge drive, and she enjoys the Ladies Lunch, the Gathering and the book group. Tom is a member of Building and Grounds, as well as the Ministerial Relations Committee.

"It's really great to meet people with such interesting and rich backgrounds," Kathy said. "We love living on the Cape and it's so important to get involved – it's the way you build relations."

Dana McCoy

New member **Dana McCoy** credits her love of the ukulele for bringing her to Cape Cod. A few years ago at a ukulele festival in New York City, McCoy, a talented actor and musician who writes songs, musicals and stories, was invited to perform in Provincetown. She did, and "I fell madly in love with Cape Cod," McCoy recalled with a smile.

McCoy now splits her time between the East Village in New York City and the Cape. She will appear in the upcoming production of "Anne of Green Gables" and the September production of "Wrinkles" at the Cape Cod Theatre Company. Her musicals, including "Prom Queens" and "CubeRat," have been staged from off Broadway to Edinburgh to Provincetown. Her dance tunes have climbed the charts, especially in Europe. Dana will be teaching a musical theater workshop this summer at the Tides Dance Collaborative, acting and comedy courses at the Harwich Junior theater and offering private coaching for voice and acting. For more information, go to www.danamccoy.com.

With a grandfather who was a UU minister and a mother who grew up as a UU, McCoy is no stranger to Unitarian Universalism. Driving past the Meeting House one day last year she said she was "drawn like a magnet to this place." She especially enjoys Edmund's sermons, plus the community and the people. "I'm so moved every Sunday," she said. "I learn so much and feel so supported and loved."

THE GATHERING

The Gathering begins its summer schedule at Osprey Point Monday July 10 at 5:30. Bring a chair, bag supper, bug spray, perhaps binoculars and your camera, and wine or dessert to share.

Call Charlotte Edgecombe for more information at 508-398-8516.

DIRECTIONS TO OSPREY POINT

Take Forest Beach Road off Route 28 in South Chatham. Go about ¾ mile and take a left onto Bayview Road. Go about 500' and up the hill to what we call "Osprey Point."

HOSTS AND USHERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Looking at this list of hosts and ushers pushes us right through summer! Time certainly goes fast, seeing it like this. Everyone has been serving quite a lot of treats which are delicious, but not all that necessary. Not to take away from those who have put a lot of effort into what they serve. It has been great! As the heat descends on us though, you might like to think of easier things such as fruits and veggies, pretzels, or cheese and crackers. The juice is lemonade and the cranberry duo and water, water. New additions to the pitcher choice have been very helpful.

Please leave the table on the porch each Sunday after you have cleared it.

Enjoy and thanks
Dolly Howell

July 2 - Congregation
July 9 - SGM - Liz Sjogren
July 16 - Learning for Life - Judy Reed
July 23 - Board of Trustees - Beth Avery
July 30 - Worship Service Committee – Dolly Howell

Aug 6 - Finance Committee - Joe Zahka
August 13 - SGM - Brenda Collins
August 20 - Membership - Marion Harcourt
August 27 - Congregation



FACTS MATTER FORUMS

For a variety of reasons, the Learning for Life Committee has decided to postpone the remaining Facts Matter Forums until after the summer.



CONGREGATE HOUSE SUPPERS

The next meal will be on July 16th. Barbara Waters will be the "go to person" with Marion Harcourt (making brownies:)). One more volunteer is needed. Please call Barbara Waters at 945-3631 or email her at bwaters14@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer. The hours are from 3:30 to about 6pm.

A big thank you to Connie Pina and Janet Jansson for their able assistance on June 18th.

The next scheduled suppers are September 10, October 8, November 19, and December 17. There is a sign up poster in the Kitchen. You may also call Barbara Waters (945-3631) or Jackie Hebert-Beale (945-2131) if you would like to help.

Shared joys are doubled; shared sorrows are halved.



Bud Brown is leaving us to live near his daughters in California. While we can all understand this, we don't have to like it. His wit, his music, his leadership of a Small Group, his loyal attendance in the choir, and MOST ASSUREDLY, his presence in the Jug Band., have enriched the Meeting House for many years.

YOU WILL BE MISSED



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

The Thrift Shop is open for business! In the first 4 weeks, the Thrift Shop has brought in more than \$6,000, a spectacular start!

But you can still bring us your no-longer needed treasures and stay and buy a few "new" treasures!

We can always use volunteers, and subs are also much appreciated. As are bags of almost any size. Call Deb Zahka at 508-864-8331 for more information or to volunteer.



**The sympathy of the Meeting House
is extended to Betsey Stevens on
the death of her daughter.**



JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

***A June Cape Cod Chronicle front page article described an Honor Flight to Washington, DC which included Bob Raymond, his sister, and another Chatham resident. Bob was honored with the trip for his WWII service as a B-17 pilot who flew 35 missions. We are honored to know him and the other members of the Meeting House who have served.

***On May 13 and 14, the Chatham Chorale presented a concert, *An American Tribute*. Selections included songs by Josh Billings, Aaron Copland, Alan Lerner, Rogers and Hammerstein, AND our own Ann Diers whose piece *Sing for Today*, with words by Harmon Diers, was the finale. Congrats – well deserved!

***A recent My View in the Cape Cod Times was a moving piece by Jeff Howell on one of his students and his pride in her accomplishments. Jeff teaches at Dennis-Yarmouth High School. He is the son of Dolly Howell.



I won't look down

*I did everything I could to understand you,
With your hard and fast, etched in stone truths
You want it in black and white
When life writes out in gray.
It doesn't work that way.*

*They tried to raise me up in a house like this,
Love for your fellow men with an asterisk.
When it was time for words
Why is it I never heard you say*

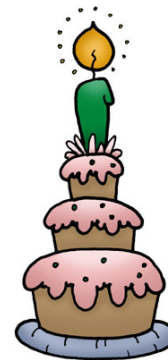
*I won't look down, but to help you up.
With the tables turned, I would ask as much.
I would rather trip and fall with my eyes too high
Than to sink to the bottom of the great divide.*

(Greg Greenway)

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

July Birthdays

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



August Birthdays

- 1 Jean Needel
- 2 Janet Jansson

July Anniversaries

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

August Anniversary

- 1 Cil and Bob Rice



COMMUNITY EVENTS

On July 12, Joan Caputo will take part in the 25th annual Housing with Love Walk. Joan walks a portion of the walk in Chatham (the entire walk covers the whole Cape!) and would love company and sponsors.

See Joan to sign up to sponsor her walk or call her at 508-776-0319.

Part of the Chatham Ecumenical Council to Prevent Homelessness' effort to raise awareness of the problem in Chatham and surrounding communities.