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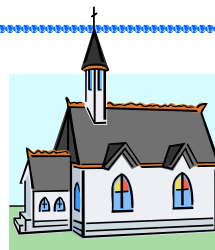
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2012 ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY JUNE 10, 2012

AFTER THE SERVICE

All members are encouraged to attend. Friends are welcome, but may not vote.

The 2012-2013 budget will be presented. Reports from the Board, Program Council, and Endowment Board will be presented.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for the upcoming year.

QUORUM NEEDED TO PROCEED

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

SUPPORT YOUR UUMH COMMUNITY



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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

June 3 Will You Still Need Me, Will You Still Feed Me
Rev. Edmund Robinson

June 7 is my 64th birthday and I am inspired by the well-known Lennon/McCartney song to reflect on the network of mutuality that sustains each of us and which is sometimes hidden by the illusion of individuality. The need to be needed is as basic as the need to feed and to be fed.

June 10 Flower Communion: Where Have All the Flowers Gone?
Rev. Edmund Robinson

Please bring a flower from your garden as we celebrate the legacy of Norbert Capek, the Czech Unitarian minister killed by the Nazis, a celebration of the power of beauty in the face of death. We will celebrate in solidarity with the church founded by Capek, the Unitarian congregation in Prague.

June 17 Concert Shelley Hartman

Shelley Hartman and Amanda Hartman will perform a concert on piano and violin. See more info on page 4.

June 24 One Country Rev. Lawrence Brown

How our country is being torn apart, and what we each can do.

Who's Preaching

Lawrence Brown teaches geography and ancient history at Cape Cod Academy in Massachusetts. He's been a teacher for the last 35 years. A columnist for regional papers, Brown has published over 800 editorials over the years on topics of economics, faith, and politics.

Rev. Brown has been an invited speaker at two Parliaments of the World's Religions, in South Africa in 1999 and in Barcelona in 2004. He is also Vice Chairman of the Cape Cod Interfaith Coalition and active in charity work, especially for homeless veterans and the homeless in general.

Sightings**the Rev. Edmund Robinson**

Emerson, who would have been 209 on May 25, said “Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.” This is in line with what I say in the Prayer and Meditation exercise in the Sunday service: be fully present in this moment.

Aldous Huxley wrote his *Brave New World* as a dystopia, a vision of the future that was terrifying, and he got some criticism for it, so he wrote *Island*, a novel that presented a utopia, a vision of a good future. In *Island*, there are trained parrots who fly around reminding people to live in the present; they squawk “here and now, boys!”

Elsa Bastone has directed a wonderful version of Thornton Wilder’s classic “*Our Town*” at the Chatham Drama Guild. The most poignant moment in the play is in the third act when Emily has taken “leave” from being dead and revisited her family on her birthday, but realized that they interact with one another without really seeing each other. As she returns to the graveyard, she asks the Stage Manager, “Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it...every, every minute?” To which the Stage Manager replies “No.” and then, after a pause, “The saints and poets, maybe—they do some.”

Wilder the playwright uses the contrivance of the cemetery village to bring home the point that a human life is fleeting and none of us lives it to the fullest in the time we are given. In the real world, a recent article by a hospice nurse reports on the regrets expressed by dying patients in Australia. The top five:

1. I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.
2. I wish I hadn't worked so hard.
3. I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.
4. I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.
5. I wish that I had let myself be happier.

It is hard to live fully and in the moment with all the tasks and the distractions placed upon us. But for any given worry, you might ask yourself, if I knew this was my last day on earth, would I be worried about this? Follow Emerson and let it go.

We have a new Religious Education Director! The Board of Trustees, looking at the budget for next year, has formally approved the hiring of Cheri Armstrong! I am very heartened by this and look forward to working with Cheri. We all need to be thinking about how the Meeting House might change and adapt to the presence of a younger generation.

Blessings of the spring season! Edmund

I will be away at General Assembly and Ministry Days from June 17 to June 24.



Concert on June 17 at the Meeting House

Shelley Hartman and his daughter, Amanda perform a concert as part of the Sunday service at the Meeting House. Shelley Hartman, pianist, won the Artist's International Piano Competition in NYC, has played at Carnegie Recital Hall, and has appeared as a soloist with numerous orchestras. He holds a Masters degree from Juilliard and an MBA from Columbia University. Amanda Hartman, violinist, will be performing at Brandeis University on June 15th, has performed at Carnegie Hall and Symphony Space as a member of the Interschool Symphony Orchestra, and has also performed in music festivals in France and Germany. She attended the Special Music School of America in NYC.

The concert program includes:

- Etude in A Flat, opus 25 no. 1, "Harp" – solo piano
- Barcarolle by Fredric Chopin – solo piano
- Waltz from the Opera Faust by Gounod, transcribed by Franz Liszt - solo piano
- Introduction et Tarentelle by Sarasate, Op. 43 – violin & piano

OTHER SPECIAL JUNE MUSICAL EVENTS

June 3rd 4 PM Beatles Sing-Along. Come celebrate my 64th birthday with your voices! Join us for rollicking renditions of familiar numbers with appeal to all generations. Cake will be served and you are welcome to bring a poem or story to share, but no presents please.

June 28 7:30 PM A Piano Dedication Concert to demonstrate the special qualities of the Hamburg Steinway, which was recently donated to the Meeting House. The Deborah Geithner Trio, which includes Kwon Faith, violinist, Lisa Gros, cellist, and Deborah Geithner at the piano, are preparing a program of Debussy, Brahms, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. Don't miss this very special celebratory event arranged for the Meeting House by Jane Eccles.



UUMH CHICKERING GRAND PIANO AVAILABLE



Now that we are enjoying our recently acquired Hamburg Steinway piano, we have no need for our fine Chickering grand piano, which has served us well for eight years. Accordingly, we offer it for sale, and wish to give any interested member or friend of UUMH the first opportunity to consider its purchase.

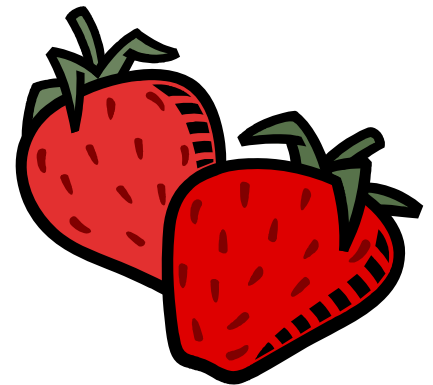
The piano was extensively reworked about 20 years ago, and is in good condition today. It has an appraised value of \$3000, and we would welcome offers. If interested, please contact Dick Eccles at 508-255-7937, rmeccles@earthlink.net, or call the UUMH Office.

Save your Appetite - Skip Breakfast and Lunch and

ENJOY STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL AT UUMH

Sunday June 24 after the church service
(Proceeds go to the Electric Kitchen—last one until Fall)

Featuring Homemade biscuits made by Charlotte and
delicious strawberries.



OOOHHH I can't wait!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Congregate House dinners continue:

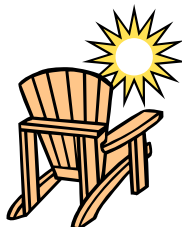
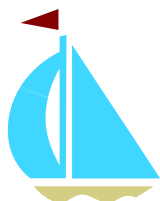
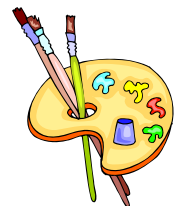
Volunteers have stepped up over the last three months and I thank you all.
At the moment our July 8 slot is taken care of. I am now looking for volunteers
to help with the Aug 19 dinner at the Captain Bearse House. In September there will be
one on the 30th. Anyone who would like to help, please contact Connie Pina.



ART NEWS

Ann Randall will be the solo artist in the hallways/stairs UUMH Art Show from June 15th to July 27th.

The subject for the August/September open show is SUMMERTIME. The dates are July 28 to
whenever the Thrift Shop closes in September. Artists interested in participating please contact Barb
Melcher at bamart@comcast.net or 508-255-5175.



Happiness is a function of accepting what is. (Erhard)

THE GATHERING

Grab your HAT and put on your SNEAKERS as the women of THE GATHERING meet on Monday June 11 for a WALK on Morris Island. We'll meet at 4PM in the parking lot on Morris Island. At 6PM we'll gather at the Oyster Pond for a light supper. Bring a bag supper for yourself (including a beverage) and a dish to share with others. I hope lots of you will plan to attend! If you cannot attend the walk, please join us at Oyster Pond for a light supper, camaraderie and conversation. Call Charlotte Edgecombe for further info, directions, and whatever.. (394-3360).



Stewardship Report

As Chair of the Stewardship Committee it gives me great pleasure to report that the goal of raising \$150,000 in operating funds has been achieved. We will have sufficient money to reestablish the Religious Education Program as our great hope to build a newer and better UUMH. The money did not come easily, but I trusted all of you to help in this lofty goal, and my faith was rewarded. YOU all responded at the best levels ever and made a new RE Program a reality. Special thanks to all of you who pledged to the RE directly and those of you who increased your pledge. This was UUMH working together toward a special goal and it showed.

The Second part of the Stewardship Drive was to begin getting pledges or money towards installation of a Lift for those who have stair issues or need a scooter or wheelchair. At this time we have pledges totaling \$15,000. Hooray for all of you.

For this pledge year 2012-2013 we have raised a total of \$165,000. A high water mark for UUMH giving. I wish to give all donors a great big THANK YOU for your help. I would also like to thank my Stewardship Helpers: Bonnie Brydges, Walter Diggs, Gene Pickett, Connie Pina, Bob Raymond, and last but not least Rev. Edmund Robinson.

Ralph Bauer, Stewardship Chair

UUMH CLASSIFIEDS *(Please email Sue Bauer with your "ad" at ralphb1234@cs.com)*

*** Wanted to Buy: Used car in good condition for recent college grad.
Contact Kenneth Davol at 945-4023

*** Chatham Fixit. Need a handyman? For small odd jobs, call Ralph Bauer at 945-3264. Reasonable rates.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES THURSDAY EVENINGS AT UUMH

July 5 Jacqueline Schwab
 July 12 Married to Corrigan
 July 19 Rum Soaked Crooks
 July 26 NØIR

August 2 Dan Schatz
 August 9 Clayton March and Jacqueline Schwab
 August 16 Katie Hickey and Jim Rohrer
 August 23 All Worn Out Jug Band
 August 30 Rose and Gene Clancy



There will also be opening acts from young performers, the schedule of which is still being worked out. Please note that concerts this year are all on **Thursday** night. This should allow for more Wayside Pulpit exposure and also avoid conflict with the Wequasset Jazz series. There will be a sign-up sheet at church on June 3 to line up volunteers to work the concerts. Please tell your friends about them and let's get some buzz going.

Thank you from First Parish Brewster

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our congregation at First Parish Brewster, many thanks for your kind Mother's Day gifts for our gardens. Lots of beauty to see now!! We appreciate your kindness.



Urgently Needed: CAPE COD HOST FAMILIES FOR JULY 3 to 31

Eleven students ages 14 to 17 from Spain want to experience American life, broaden their horizons and improve their English language skills.

Reputable volunteer host families are needed to open their hearts and homes to these curious young people. These students are looking forward to a month of immersing themselves in New England life, culture and traditions. They want to meet American students. They will attend language classes, too.

Host families provide students with a home and meals, along with an introduction to places of interest and day-to-day life in English. Host families may receive a nominal stipend to help with expenses. Students are responsible for their own personal expenses and they are covered with medical and liability insurance.

Please contact us directly for more details. We look forward to hearing from you.

Renee Berry (Eastham) Phone 508 237 8094 Email: renee.berry@bellangroup.com

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Braintree invites Boston Gay Pride Marchers from the Ballou Channing District UU Congregations to march with us on Saturday, June 9th!

All Souls has reserved a school bus to drive us to and from the Parade for **\$5.00 round-trip, per person!** **Reservations are necessary, and will be taken on a first-come-first-serve basis.** No payment necessary in advance. **Cash or checks only, please.** Checks made out to **All Souls Church.** There is **plenty of parking** at All Souls, **196 Elm Street, Braintree.**

For bus ride reservations, please call All Souls at 781 843-1388
Leave a message for All Souls Pride Event Coordinators, Joe Maloney and Mal Marvill

The only banner allowed, per Boston Pride rules, will be the **Ballou Channing District's Banner--**
"Standing on the Side of Love". Small congregational signs are OK.

The Parade Route is 2.4 miles.
Please check the Boston Pride Website parade@bostonpride.org for updates.

ALL SOULS PRIDE PARADE SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

<u>Bus Departs</u>	9:45 SHARP	All Souls Church, 196 Elm Street, Braintree—corner Elm and Charles Sts.
<u>Parade Start:</u>	Noon	Route--to be announced—check website for updates
<u>Pick-up:</u>	3:00 SHARP	Exact location to be determined by consultation with our driver
<u>Drop-off:</u>	approx. 3:40	All Souls Church, Braintree

SPECIAL JURY PRIZE: DOCUMENTARY 2012
SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

LOVE FREE OR DIE

Love Free or Die is about a man whose two defining passions the world cannot reconcile: his love for God and for his partner Mark. Bishop Gene Robinson will not give up on either.

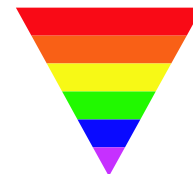
Sunday, June 10th, 2:00--4:30pm at Church of the Holy Spirit

Route 28/204 Monument Road, Orleans

Donations Accepted.

For more information, call 508-255-0433

Co-sponsored by the Cape Cod Coalition of Welcoming Congregations and Church of the Holy Spirit



The mere sense of living is joy enough. (Emily Dickinson)

JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gail Tilton has a new granddaughter. Eva was born to Gail's daughter Kimberly and her husband Chris Ebeling on May 2. The Ebeling clan lives in Boston.

Kristin Howard was a Rising Star nominee from Chatham High School in a recent Cape Cod Times feature on exceptional high school students on Cape Cod.

Great two page spread in the annual Chatham Magazine entitled Instruments of the All Worn Out Jug Band. The article pictures and describes all the instruments and mentions who plays them.

Cape Cod Times of May 20 had a big article about the restoration of the Godfrey Windmill in Chase Park, right near the Labyrinth. Jennifer Ukstins is an active member of the group that has been working toward the restoration and is pictured in period dress in the article.

Directory Changes

CONTRA AND SQUARE DANCE

June 23rd South Chatham Village Hall.
Caller is Dan Pearl, Musicians are "Married to Corrigans" Family dance at 7 PM, regular dance at 8.

HELP!! SUNDAY USHERS AND HOSTS NEEDED!

What would it be like without friendly ushers greeting us at the door? Or without hot coffee, a cookie and warm conversation in the Fleck Room? Please volunteer to be an usher or a host to keep our Sundays at UUMH welcoming and joyful.

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is off to a great start. Thanks to all who are volunteering, brought in items, and bought items.

Still accepting donations and, of course, purchases of "treasures!"



THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Third Monday Book Club will be Monday June 18. in the Annex. We will be discussing The paper garden by Molly Peacock. New folks always welcome. Questions? Call Sue Bauer at 945-3264.