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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES JULY and AUGUST 2 OFFERINGS

The concerts will be held at 7:30 each Thursday in July and August in the sanctuary. Volunteers are needed to staff the concerts; please see page 5. No admission is charged, but a free-will offering will be taken with a suggested donation of \$10. Many of the concerts will also feature an opening act by a Young Artist.



July 5 Jacqueline Schwab

Pianist heard on over a dozen of Ken Burns' PBS documentaries from the Civil War to the recent National Parks, she plays in a fluid, spirit-filled style that must be experienced. This concert will feature vintage dance music, jigs and reels, Scottish strathspeys, schottisches, gallops, ragtime, tango, and a wealth of waltzes from around the world.

July 12 Married to Corrigans

A trio playing Old Time American fiddle and banjo music, all of whom are in-laws of Chatham's well-known Corrigan family: Stuart Moore, the former Chatham shellfish warden, on fiddle, Will Montague on banjo and Amy Corrigan on guitar. Toe tapping music.

July 19 Rum Soaked Crooks

Mellifluous maelstroms of maritime minstrelsy, the concerts of this talented quartet may include salty entertainment from many ports, past and present. Tom Goux, Jacek Sulanowski, Dan Lanier and Iain Geddes.

July 26 NØIR

Norwegian and Irish traditional music meet in this exciting trio featuring Mark Oien on Hardanger and Irish fiddle, Torrin Ryan on the Irish uilleann bagpipes, backed by the steady rhythms of Stuart Peak on guitar and bouzouki. A thrilling blend of musical traditions.



August 2 Dan Schatz

Singer of traditional and contemporary folk songs and a minister, he received a Grammy nomination in 2010 for the compilation recording he produced of the songs written by the late U. Utah Phillips. Dan has performed for the UUA General Assembly as well as folk societies and many UU congregations.

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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 1 Land of Power and Glory Rev. Edmund Robinson

Let us celebrate the Fourth by singing the America we dream of, the America that could be.

July 8 Getting to greed Rev. Vivienne Chapman

It is very easy to be selfish; most very young children want to have much more than their "fair share" of almost anything. Some adults are still selfish, but most of us are willing to share whatever is necessary. But how are adults transformed into people who are openly greedy and unashamed of their greed? How did greed become an acceptable quality? How is greed connected to religious life?

July 15 The iChurch Rev. Edmund Robinson

Rev. Frederick Muir gave a provocative talk at GA in which he argued we will not grow as a movement until we get rid of our worship of individualism. We give lip service to the Beloved Community, but Muir asserts we don't do much to implement it in our congregations or in the wider world because we are afraid of it. Is there something to this?

July 22 After such knowledge, what forgiveness? Rev. Edmund Robinson

One of the study action issues presented at GA is the doctrine of Christian Discovery which is alleged to be the legal basis for the displacement of Native Americans by Europeans from the time of Columbus until now. What does justice require for righting ancient wrongs?

July 29 Witness to Wonder Rev. Dan Schatz

This life is filled with wonder, if only we open ourselves to it. In sermon and song, we will celebrate the sacredness of reality.

Who's Preaching This Month??

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Sightings**the Rev. Edmund Robinson**

For one who has spent a few decades in our movement, the experience of attending General Assembly is a bit like trying to take a sip of water from a fire hose. We are in the desert of Arizona, so we need to keep ourselves hydrated. So the UUA issues garish orange water bottles to each registrant. But there are more subtle spiritual issues. Theologian Rebecca Parker says when she contemplates what we are doing to immigrants, she finds herself reaching for the old theological language of sin, but it is inadequate and inappropriate for UUs, so she finds inspiration in the metaphor of the desert. We who come to Arizona to protest its draconian immigration laws are like those who carry water into the desert, allowing life to flourish.

Certainly my spirit flourishes to see old friends and to hear of the good work that is being done in UU congregations across the country in the struggles for justice. This Phoenix convention center is an oasis of the spirit, tucked into the middle of corporate America. My cup runneth over.

And tomorrow, I'm going to Tempe on the light rail to have lunch with Margaret Poxon!

I want to offer my congratulations to this congregation for moving forward on the RE program, but maybe that is premature as there still has to be a further meeting. Nevertheless, I am very proud of you and hope we can also make the lift a reality before long. Thanks to the hard-working lay leaders who have brought this about!

Blessings,

Edmund

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY JULY 15 TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET FOR THE MEETING HOUSE. A QUORUM MUST BE PRESENT TO DO BUSINESS, SO PLEASE PLAN TO STAY FOR THIS SINGLE-ITEM MEETING.

HARDINGS BEACH PICNIC



WHEN: WEDNESDAY JULY 18
5:00 PM (No rain date)



WHERE: FIRST PARKING LOT
AT HARDINGS BEACH

BRING: A DISH TO SHARE
(No grilling this year)



BRING YOUR OWN:
PLATE AND CUP,
SILVERWARE,
DRINK,
BEACH CHAIR



SIGN-UP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

BRING A FRIEND TO GET TO KNOW US!!

Questions: call Sue Bauer 945-3264 or Mary Parsons 432-7194



HELP WANTED

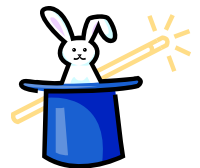
Help is needed to sell tickets and refreshments for the Magician on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings and for the Summer Concert Series on Thursday evenings. There are clipboards for both at the Thrift Shop Monday-Friday and in church on Sundays. It won't work without your help! Please check your calendars and sign up. See a great Magic Show and/or hear wonderful music.

**SUMMER MAGIC**

"The Amazing Richard" will be working his magic every Monday night and Tuesday morning in July and August. Full of energy and ready to astound, amaze and entrance the audience, young and old alike. Plan on bringing your visitors....children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Shows are at 7 PM on Mondays and 10 AM on Tuesdays. Tickets are \$10 each; children under 3 are free if held on your lap.

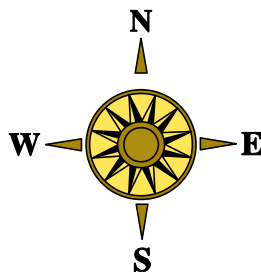
And, if you happen to have a Monday evening or Tuesday morning free and would be willing to sell tickets/refreshments, please sign-up on the clipboards on Sunday mornings.

**THE GATHERING (UUMH WOMEN'S GROUP)**

The Gathering will be meeting on the second Monday of the month in July and August. The dates are July 9 and August 13. We will be meeting at Forest Beach Conservation Area in South Chatham. (The Crustaceans named it Osprey Point.)

You'll need to bring a chair, a brown bag supper and beverage and bug spray. We'll meet there at 5:30 for supper and conversation. Please come with your ideas for our meetings for the fall and winter. Bring your binoculars so you can see the osprey nest.

The directions are as follows: Once you get to South Chatham, take a left onto Forest Beach Rd which is directly across the street from the Box Office Cafe. Go 1/2 mile and take a left onto Bay View Rd. Go about 500 ft and just as the road bears left, keep going straight up the driveway to Osprey Point. There is a small sign on the left that says Forest Beach Conservation Area.



Who's Preaching This Month

Rev. Vivienne Chapman has been a member of the Chatham Meeting House for fourteen years. In addition, she is a lifelong Unitarian, born in a parsonage. She has been a Director of Religious Education, and is an ordained UU minister.

Rev. Dan Schatz is Minister of the BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Warrington, Pennsylvania. He is also a Grammy nominated folksinger, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer and author. He is the recipient of two UU sermon awards, and an excerpt from his book and CD, *The Song and the Sigh*, was recently featured in the *UU World* magazine. Dan will be performing a concert here on Thursday, August 2.

Remarks by the Incoming President at the Annual Meeting

I want you to know that I look forward to the coming year, to accepting the responsibilities that go with this job, and the opportunity to work in this capacity for the Meeting House.

You may know from my early time here that I am a congregation person, and one believing in communication and transparency. That principle will continue to guide me.

This, I feel, is a time of great anticipation and excitement here at the Meeting House. We found in the recent canvass, that if we are convincingly offered the opportunity to do something new and significant, we rise to the occasion. Resurrection of the RE program promises to be the "Second Miracle on Main Street". We need to look for other worthy goals, and seek to move beyond what happens within these walls to opportunities to support the community and our UU movement.

But all the while we need not neglect the core of our community here, a congregation of fellow seekers, and the chance for us all to be and serve and grow our unique selves as we enjoy the company and interchange with others.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me.

Dick Eccles

AUGUST SINGERS????

I'll be providing music for the month of August at the Meeting House. How about you???



A duet...trio...quartet...an ensemble? Please email me if you'd like to sing on one of our Sundays in August and I'll get back to you after July 20th. I'm eager to hear from you!

Ruth McKendree Treen

Life is a special occasion.

The Electric Kitchen

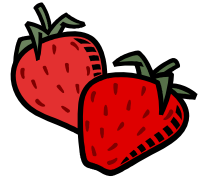
There will be no Electric Kitchen in July and August. We will resume in September.

The June Strawberry Shortcake festival for the Electric Kitchen made \$131. Year to date since February, we have made \$592, averaging \$118 a month for 5 months.

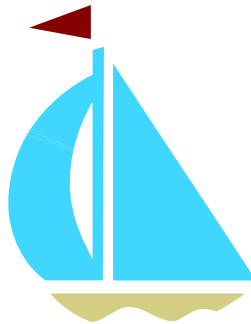
Thank you all for your support in helping to reduce the UUMH Electric bill.

I just want to thank the Chatham Village Market for the AWESOME discount they gave us on the strawberries. They matched Shaw's price of \$2 per pound for California strawberries! Please continue your generous patronage of the market. They have always been very good to us, and I feel we should support them all we can.

Charlotte Edgecombe, Electric Kitchen Chair



The Meeting House extends its sympathy to Janet Whited, Samantha Vollmer, and Jennifer White on the death of Janet's husband, Larry on June 17, 2012. He was Samantha's father and Jennifer's grandfather.



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

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

The earth laughs in flowers. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kristin Howard graduated in June from Chatham High School. She will attend Boston University in the fall to study music. Congratulations!!!

The Second Annual Fleck Award was presented to Sue Bauer at the Annual Meeting in June. She – that is, I! – was very surprised and tickled, and I send you all my enormous thanks!! I hope you all know how honored I was to receive it – makes my day, my month, my summer !!

Wonderful full page article in the June 21 Chronicle about our Contra Dances. Tim interviewed both Edmund and Jacqueline and included information about Contra Dancing in general and ours in particular.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Judy Reed's new address and telephone number:
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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. Per a schedule, we alternate hosting in each other's 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. 10th in order to be involved. It's fun and a nice way to meet new people.

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE



THIRD MONDAY BOOK CLUB



The Third Monday Book Club will be taking the summer off. If you want to read ahead and join us on September 17, we'll be discussing *Clara & Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland. Questions? Call Sue Bauer at 945-3264.

CONTRA DANCE

The contra dances are continuing under church sponsorship, 4th Saturday of the month. The March dance will be held on the 24th at a location to be announced, as the Village Hall is otherwise occupied that evening.

QI GONG

Qi Gong will be on hiatus until further notice.