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UU YOUth



First, please let me thank you ALL for your kindness, generosity, and support in making this program a reality. The space is prepared and the lessons are planned, and I am hopeful that as you read this, our youth program registration for our Sunday morning program has been successful. I welcome your ideas and suggestions, and I am happy to have you volunteer anytime!

Let me also introduce Chairperson Gail Eldredge and John and Paula Reye as members of the newly formed Youth Program Committee. Also, please look for my lovely daughter, McKenna, who will be assisting me or staffing the nursery on Sunday mornings.

We are planning to launch Beacon Youth Outreach the week of October 14 from 3:30 to 5:00 at the Annex on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00. I have been working with the Superintendent of the Monomoy Regional Schools to distribute flyers to students at their respective schools. Dr. Carolyn Cragin was very supportive of our program last year.

It will be a fabulous and exciting October!
Cheri



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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

October 7 Liberty and Law Rev. Edmund Robinson

Jefferson did not invent the separation of church and state. A new book centering on Roger Williams stitches together some insights on English and American history in the Seventeenth Century and how liberty and law are interconnected to the present day

October 14 Peace Be Upon Him Rev. Edmund Robinson

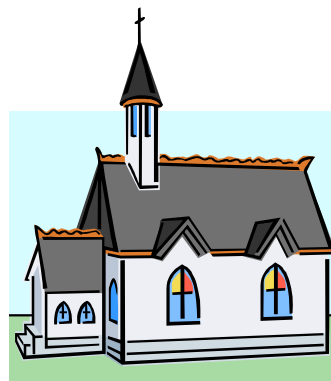
The riots in the Islamic world over the recent video raise questions such as: What are the limits to irreverence? Should the first Amendment be construed not to protect something someone would consider blasphemy? Are Muslims peculiarly sensitive to insult?

October 21 Masks of the self Rev. Edmund Robinson

As we approach Samhain, the Celtic holiday which gave us Halloween, we reflect on what masks mean and whether we wear them permanently.

October 28 Flight Of the Migratory UU Three UUMH Members

The story of three members of the Meeting House who belong to Chatham and to another community. Where do they go? What is it like, living in two communities? Are there UU congregations in their other communities? What are the difficulties involved with being a part of different communities? And what are the joys? From the North to the South, to the West, we will hear how this works from some of our own UUMH members.



Sightings**Rev. Edmund Robinson**

“Each year I say I won’t be appled into Fall, and each year I find I’m bitten to the core.” These lines from the poem of a college friend bob up to the surface of my mental stew as I feel the turning of the year. Here at the equinox, we’re balanced on the brink of chilly even as we remember the warmth of a few days ago. My short pants are about to be folded and put away, and soon I must take my woolen things to the dry cleaner to rid them of the summer’s must, so I can put them on without sneezing. I finish the urn of iced green tea in the refrigerator and purchase my first jug of apple cider at the grocery store. It will be my daily drink for the next nine months.

The apples, so tart, shiny and bright, signal the approach of colder weather which is a veiled reminder of our own mortality. It probably appeared so to me even when I was a young adult and first read the lines I quote above, but now I have the perspective of forty more Septembers, and I don’t know how many more lie ahead.

Maybe this association of apples and mortality goes back to Genesis – after all death as a part of the human condition was one of the punishments imposed by God as result of Adam’s and Eve’s transgression. It has always interested me that they didn’t get punished for eating the fruit of the Tree of Life, which we may speculate would have made them immortal and therefore like God. No, they were punished for eating of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

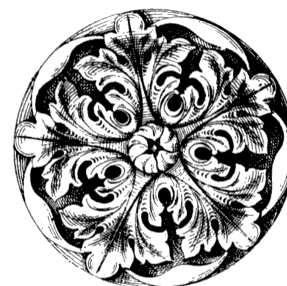
The fawns hanging around my yard, the wild turkeys crossing my neighbor’s lawn, the rabbits darting across the road in my headlights, the finches flocking to my feeder, all also will die eventually, though we tell ourselves they know nothing of good and evil. We tell ourselves we have consciousness and we remember autumns past and know we have taken these roads before, though in fact we don’t know how much of this mental world we share with the other animals. What is precious, what gives balance to our days, is the realization that our time left is finite.

We have lost many dear ones in this community which I have had the immeasurable privilege to serve as minister. We all get back to the good earth eventually, the king and the commoner, the presidential candidate and the peon, the good, the bad, the churchgoers and the Sunday morning golfers, the lazy and the industrious – all are headed for a common end.

May we hope to have a few blazes of glory before we go. May we hope to have a day when the sun shines brilliantly through yellow and gold and crimson leaves which crunch underfoot, when the tart taste of the apple in the mouth tells us that despite all the anxieties, the failures, the sufferings and defeats, there is at its core a rightness about the world.

Blessings

Edmund



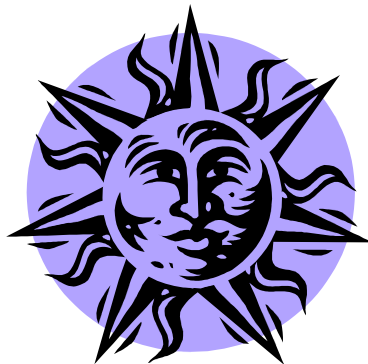
SERVICES FOR SALLY DUPLAIX AND BONNIE ROBINSON**Remembering Sally Duplaix Saturday, October 13, 2012 3 PM Chase Park**

Sally asked in her will that no memorial service be conducted; we are trying to honor that request while having a gathering of remembrance for those who wish to honor her memory. The gathering will be held at 3 PM on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Chatham Labyrinth in Chase Park behind the Godfrey Windmill. In case of rain, the ritual will be held at the same time on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14.

Parking at the Park is limited, and you are encouraged to park at Oyster Pond at 2:30 and carpool or walk from there. The terrain from the parking area is challenging for those whose mobility is impaired. We will proceed to the labyrinth in silence; the ritual, for those who wish to do it, consists of writing something directly to Sally and then walking the labyrinth in to the center. At the center of the labyrinth will be a vessel with burning charcoal, and the letters can be placed in the vessel and sent into the ether. You may then retrace the steps through the curves of the labyrinth or walk directly out. Those who do not choose to walk may observe from seats on the side. Following the silent remembrance, we will meet at the Meeting House for light refreshments and conversation. If you are unable to attend but wish to participate, please write your note to Sally, place it in a sealed envelope, and give it to either Edmund or Laurel Campbell .

Remembering Bonnie Robinson Wednesday November 7, 2012 1 PM UUMH

A service for Bonnie is in the planning stages at this time. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary of the Meeting House on November 7, followed by refreshments in the Fleck Room. Anyone with thoughts about such a service are encouraged to speak with Edmund or any member of the Pastoral Care Team. More details will be in the November Newsletter.



We must be the change we wish to see in the world. (Gandhi)



FALL POT LUCK



WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 5:30 PM

WHERE: UUMH FLECK ROOM

WHO: EVERYONE!!! MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, NEW AND OLD

Come and renew old friendships, make new ones, feel the excitement a new year at UUMH always brings.

Sign-ups will begin in October so think about what delicious concoction you can create! We will each bring our own place settings and a dish to share. Coffee, tea, and cider will be provided, other beverages are up to you!

Entertainment will most certainly occur!!

Mark your calendars now. See you there!



MORE FROM EDMUND

"Everything and Nothing" Brown Bag lunch, October Thursdays 12:00 Noon in the Fleck Room

This will be a lunch conversation with Edmund about recent issues from sermons and from the wider community. Unlike the lunches last spring, everybody brings their own lunch, and we'll chat for about an hour. We may have a video to spark discussion.

New UU class

I am glad to offer a class in the history, ideas, personalities and present structure of Unitarian Universalism, for newcomers as well as folks who want to brush up. We usually do it in two or three sessions, each lasting less than an hour. Sunday afternoons are a possibility, but we can also arrange weekday evenings or Saturdays. If you are interested, please see me or sign up on a clipboard which will be available at Sunday service.

Summer concerts committee

Many of the church leaders have impressed on me the need to have a committee to put on the summer concert series in the future, to spread the work out. I would like to have two or three volunteers to work with me to help plan next summer's series. Please see me.

From the new Hospitality Chair, Jan Young

As the new hospitality chair, I would like to invite any and all members of the congregation to serve as a host at our coffee hour or to usher, or both.

If you have done neither, don't be intimidated - it's fun and easy! As an usher, you unlock the doors, turn on the lights, hand out the order of service, take the collection and count the money. As a host or hostess, you put a cloth on the tables in the Fleck Room, pour coffee and set out cookies. If you love to bake, terrific! But please don't shy from hosting if you don't: there is always a supply of cookies on hand.

Most of all, you become more involved in the Meeting House and meet lots of nice people. But wait, there's more! If you need a partner, I will be glad to find one for you. And I will be on hand most Sundays if you need a hand or have any questions.

Please sign up with me after any service, e-mail me at boatmeadow@gmail.com, call me at 508-246-1105, or put your name on the sign-up board in the lobby. We'd love to get every member signed up. Thank you!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE****Congregate House Dinners**

On September 30 Jackie Beale, Alice Wilson and Janet Jansson will be serving the evening meal at the Captain Barse House in Chatham. Thank you Ladies for your service. The next supper for which I need volunteers is November 11. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested or maybe would just like more information .

Thank you,
Connie Pina (432-3414)

Breakfast for “Overnight Guests”

We, as members of UUMH help our community in many ways, and for the past few years we have provided breakfast for the “overnight guests” at the Methodist church once a month. Many of you have willingly carried out this task when called, but perhaps there are more of you who would enjoy participating in this service project. If you are interested, please call Betsey Stevens at 945-2858, or e-mail to donbetsey@comcast.net.

The Gathering

The Gathering will meet on Monday evening, October 15 at 7 PM in the Fleck Room. We will be having a Halloween Party, so put on your costumes and masks and join us for a fun party. All women of the Meeting House are welcome to attend. (I personally do not like Halloween and the thought of trying to decide what to wear is daunting, but I will persevere and come in costume). I do hope that anyone that feels as I do and just can't do the costume "thing" will come anyway - we'll welcome you however you are attired! We'll be playing some Halloween games that we remember from childhood and have cider and donuts for refreshments. Hope to see you all there. Gail Eldredge and I have planned the meetings for the upcoming year based on the suggestions that you all made this summer at Osprey Point. We will be passing out this information at the meeting. We'll also discuss setting dates to see some local plays. Any questions, please call Charlotte at 508-394-3360.



Electric Kitchen

The Electric Kitchen will be restarting on Sunday October 21 after the church service in the Fleck Room.

October's Kitchen will feature "Fall Fruits" like apples, cranberries, figs, grapes, pears, pumpkins and winter squashes. Please call Charlotte at 508-394-3360 and let her know what you'll be bringing.

In November we will making pies of all sizes and in December, we will be making Holiday desserts, candy, and breakfast items.



FLOWERS FOR SUNDAYS

Fresh flowers are always a lovely addition to our Sunday services. If you would like to provide flowers for a service, please sign up on the large board in the foyer or outside the Fleck Room. You then have two options You can always bring your own arrangements, from your garden or purchased. But, if you would like to have Melissa order them for you and have them delivered to the Meeting House, take an envelope from the plastic wall holders near the sanctuary or the Fleck Room, include payment of \$30 (a check made out to UUMH), and give to Melissa or place in her folder on the wall outside her office.



THRIFT SHOP FINAL REPORT

In announcing the closing totals for this year's Bearly Worn Thrift shop, kudos go to not only the daily captains, Mary Parsons, Joan Caputo and Barbara Blanchard, but also the men who run the shop on Mondays - the daily workers and 12 available subs - the members of the congregation who manage to contribute year after year - and all those faithful who come week after week to shop - and also to Melissa, our invaluable sign maker, and truck runner for offered goods.

Without **ALL** of you, we would not have made the \$30,500 this bountiful summer. As all stood up to be recognized, the vast majority of the congregation took their bows. Thank you!

And thank you, Mary Chesnut, weekday captain, overall commander-in-chief, tireless worker, and enthusiastic Jack (or Mary) of all trades!!



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY AT UUMH

Remember that Small Groups are still open to new members. As described in last month's Newsletter, the groups meet once a month or more often, usually in people's homes, for about 1 ½-2 hours each meeting. Each group has a facilitator, and chooses a topic to discuss that month.

The topics are connected to who we are and how we live our lives. Sometimes they are inspired by the sermons, but other times are selected from the interests expressed by the group.

Most participants have found it to be an enriching and rewarding experience, well worth the time expended.

If you are not currently in a small group but want to be in one, please see Edmund or Sue Bauer and let us know whether your preferred meeting time is daylight or evening. Seasonal folks are welcome!

Dissent is an act of faith. (Unknown)

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A Special Congregational Meeting will be called for Sunday, October 21, after the Morning Service, to hear a presentation on the proposed Lift to be constructed to facilitate handicapped access to the sanctuary and Fleck Room. The Lift will be described and stewardship plans for further fundraising discussed. The Congregation will be invited to discuss and, if satisfied, to approve the project in principle and instruct the Board of Trustees to continue fundraising and proceed with final approval within particular cost and funding parameters. Please plan to attend this important Meeting.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Monthly Board meeting minutes, after approval at the subsequent meeting, will be distributed by e-mail to all Committee Chairs, and posted in the Fleck Room. Members wishing to be added to this e-mail distribution list are invited to request inclusion by contacting either Dick Eccles (rmeccles@earthlink.net) or the Church Office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOME OPEN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Program Council and Board have been active in filling many of the open Chairperson positions in our Lay Leadership at UUMH. The current roster of Committees and Chairs on the following page. Please note that volunteers are still needed for several open positions. If you would like to find out more about any of these positions, please contact either Sally or Dick for further information. If you would like to become involved in any particular Committee, please feel free to contact the Chair of that Committee to learn more.

These are opportunities to give something of yourself to the Meeting House, while also offering a chance to get to know other UUMH people a little better, and grow together in the experience. Please give it some thought.

Sally Davol, Program Council Chair
Dick Eccles, Board President

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 Music
 Learning for Life
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 Social Justice
 Pastoral Care
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 Jan Young
 Walter Diggs

Sue Bauer

Barbara Waters

Mary Parsons

Committee Chairs

Ralph Bauer

Dwight Wilson

Ralph Bauer

Stephen Davol

Ralph Bauer

Bob Twiss

JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*** Sally Davol has been appointed as the Title 1 Math teacher for Monomoy Regional Middle School (well "schools" at this point until we are all together under one roof!)

***A great article in the September 20th edition of the Cape Cod Chronicle about Ron Nickerson and his huge contributions to both Chatham's 300th celebration and to the Nickerson Family Association.

*** Dave and Liz Van Wye announced the arrival of their granddaughter, Astrid Zenobia Van Wye. She arrived safely on September 21, 2012 at 6:18 pm (7lbs 1 oz; 20inches).

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Friends Francis and Marjorie Worrell have moved:
 Epoch Assisted Living
 855 Harwich Rd. Apt. 234
 Brewster MA 02631
 Phone: 508-896-0436

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

October Birthdays

- 2 Robin Hubbard
- 4 Kim Howard
- 7 Terry Eldredge
- 10 Jan Young
- 11 Dolly Howell
- 12 Nancy Taft
- 13 Lee Fuller
- 14 Barbara Birch
- 18 Dick Eccles
- 23 Hank Kellogg
- 24 Sue Bauer
- 26 Kara Howard
- 26 Melissa Clayton
- 30 Ed Mangiafico



October Anniversaries

- 9 Adele Gorelick and Jill Karpf
- 28 Alice and Dwight Wilson

UUMH CLASSIFIEDS

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

**** Ken Davol is available for heavy lifting/chores/yard work. 774-454-3551

**** **PCA** (Personal Care Assistant)
 (Daughter of Harmon and Ann Diers)
 - Transportation, meal planning
 - Medication reminders
 - Light housekeeping, companionship
 - CORI approved
 - Rates lower than private agencies

Please contact Cindy Smith any time at: 774-722-2611



Walk for Independence House

As you have already learned through the UUMH weekly email, The Interfaith Clergy Association is sponsoring a 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 13 to raise money for Independence House, the nonprofit agency on the Cape that runs shelters for battered women. We have from now until the 13th to decide how we want to participate. The sponsors know that if we lace up our collective shoes, we can literally walk into these women's lives to make a difference. If you, personally, want to experience yourself as a change-maker, then perhaps you will want to grab this opportunity. Recruit some friends, then contact Beth Avery (255-2777) to coordinate our registration. If walking is not your preference, will you consider making a donation to I.H.? You can do this at our Sunday coffee hour on Sept. 30 or on Oct. 7.

