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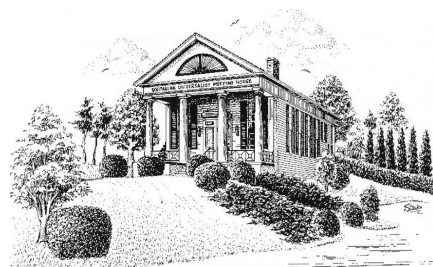
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CONCERT BY LIBANA



SUNDAY, APRIL 21st 3 PM

Libana will perform a concert at the Meeting House on April 21. The group, founded in 1979, includes six women whose passion for international music, dance, and women's issues fill concert halls around the world. They have performed at festivals, educational institutions and spiritual centers, including International Folklore Festivals in Bulgaria, the Philadelphia Folk Festival, the American Cultural Center in Delhi, and the Coup de Coeur Francophone in Montreal. They have been part of the Christmas Revels in Cambridge.

They sing a cappella and also accompany themselves on a wide range of instruments including guitar, oud, hammered dulcimer, clarinet, and panpipes. Their music spans centuries from ancient traditions to contemporary creations.

The concert is open to the public and some of the proceeds will benefit the Meeting House. Call the office for ticket information. General admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Kids 12 and under, and seniors 65+ are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.



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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

April 7 **“Spring Cleaning”** **Rev. Edmund Robinson**

As we contemplate the clutter in our houses, what about that in our souls? What old habits, grudges, stuck places could we stand to get rid of as the sun returns to Cape Cod?

April 14 **“What in the World”** **Rev. Vivienne Chapman**

As we look at the world about us, or at our planet as a whole, we see, not only human conflict blazing throughout the hemispheres, but changes occurring in lands far and wide. Although there is still a small, noisy portion of citizens who claim that we humans have nothing to do with these climate changes, the truth is that not all changes are natural ones. Is our treatment of the natural world a matter of religious beliefs? How responsible is any one of us? How do we fit this issue into religion?

April 21 **Earth Day Celebration with Beacon Youth Outreach**

April 28 **“Loving Yourself”** **Rev. Edmund Robinson**

There is a notion from our Christian culture that says you must love your neighbor as yourself, and we extol those who seem to love others more than themselves. But doesn't love have to begin with the self? Can you really love others if you don't love yourself first? How is that kind of foundational self-love different from narcissism?



Who's Preaching This Month??

Vivienne Chapman is a life-long Unitarian, born in a parsonage. For many years she was an active religious educator, before becoming a UU minister. She has lived on Cape Cod for twelve years, during which time she has been a member of the Meeting House.

Sightings**the Rev. Edmund Robinson**

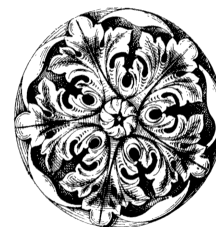
I was amazed at how many folks piled into the sanctuary in early March to hear the second sermon on evil. I found myself thinking, "What do Cape Cod people know of evil?" The worst that happens is a day when it's too windy to go sailing. Of course that's not true. We have our share of tragedies, of sadness, of disease and deaths, even a certain amount of crime. But we kind of put this face to the world as if to say "the bad things don't happen here so much."

I guess this smiley face is harmless enough, but my worry is that it keeps us from reaching out to the people who really need a helping hand. There is this American syndrome, particularly strong in New England, but really nationwide, that says "I'm OK; don't worry about me; I can make it fine on my own." We all find it difficult to ask for help. So I'm really gratified that our Pastoral Care team is so good about organizing rides and home-cooked meals for people who need it on a temporary basis.

Melissa served overnight at the storm shelter at Dennis-Yarmouth High School during the recent blizzard, and she said what impressed her was how many elderly people there are living alone in our towns with no support system in place. It occurs to me that probably the most important function this church fulfills, maybe its mission in life, is to provide a way for us to be there for each other. We can't take away the pain of the accident or the operation, we can't bring the dead back to life, we can't provide 24/7 care for the disabled loved one, but we can do something to show we care and to be a listening ear for those among us in distress. I would like to challenge all of us to think of ways we can take our ministry to each other out beyond our walls to some of those people who came into the shelter last month.

Blessings,

Edmund

**MORE FROM EDMUND****April 7 Fleck Room**

What is Unitarian Universalism? I will have a workshop on UU 101 after church for anyone interested in the question, whether member, prospective member, friend or curious visitor. A light lunch will be provided. Sponsored by Membership. Let Marion Harcourt (432-9443) or Barbara Blanchard (945-7721) know if you plan to come.

April 18 3 PM Fleck Room

Unitarianism and Universalism on Cape Cod. An illustrated history of the development of these two religions on the Cape. This will be a repeat of the slide show talk I did at Snow Library in Orleans in February. I am inviting the Cape and Islands UU ministers' cluster to attend, and the talk is also open to the public.

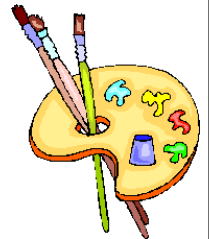
UUMH ART EXHIBITS

Our art exhibit, "Sand In Our Shoes", is open for viewing April 5-May 10th during Coffee Hour in the Fleck Room. Consider the sun-filled pictures to be your reward for surviving a long, long winter! This will be the last large show for the season, as the room will soon be transformed into the much anticipated UUMH Thrift Shop.

Please know that all our artists thank you for your warm response to their creative efforts. And please, if you decide to pick up a paint brush or camera during the summer months, we want to see the fruits of your talent and imagination on our walls come September!

Contacts: Jane Eccles 255-7937, Barbara Melcher 255-5175, or Beth Avery 255-2777.

Please note that all work is for sale. Purchaser will send a check for the full amount directly to the artist. The artist will then donate 15% to the UUMH.



THRIFT SHOP

There will be a Thrift Shop organizing meeting on **Tuesday April 16 at 10 AM in the Fleck Room** to plan the opening of the shop, as well as ideas for changes or improvement. Those who cannot make this meeting, but want to continue their established time slot or others wishing to join us, should call or email me with their available times or to be put on the substitute list.

Now is the time to think Spring Cleaning! The Thrift Shop will start collecting your treasures early in May. Pickup is available if you discover a **LOT** of treasures! Call Mary.

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Remember!!!

Fleck Room will be closing the end of April and meetings will need to be held in the Annex. Please remember to schedule **ALL** meetings through the office. Most meetings will be held in the Annex through the summer. Check the Newsletter and the Calendar.



When words leave off, music begins. (Anon.)

LEARNING FOR LIFE**SUNDAY April 28 2 PM Fleck Room**

Dr. Joyce Young will present a talk entitled **Introduction to Naturopathic Medicine: What is it and how can it improve your health and wellbeing.** She will address Naturopathic Medicine's basic premise that the body can heal itself if given the chance.

Dr. Young is a Board Certified Naturopathic Doctor with a Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine, a four year program, from the College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon. She is licensed in Maine and Oregon. She is also a Board Certified Lactation Consultant and is working toward a Master's in Oriental Medicine. She has degrees in biology from the University of Illinois and botany from UMASS.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The next Congregate House supper will be Sunday, May 5. Connie Pina will be in charge. Anyone interested in helping Connie on the 5th or at a later supper, please call Connie at 432-3414 or Barbara Waters at 945-3631. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Come for a couple hours and help serve cook and serve a dinner to a dozen or so very friendly folks. Bake cookies that can be used for dessert or one diabetic dessert (one diabetic resident) and give them to Connie or Barbara for delivery.

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Pat Army will have foot surgery early in April and will be unable to drive for some time. A list is being compiled of members and friends of the UUMH community who would be willing to be called upon to occasionally drive her to appointments or events. If you are willing to be on such a list, please call Sue Bauer at 945-3264. And, of course, calls and visits to Pat would always be welcome!

ELECTRIC KITCHEN

The Electric Kitchen will be held on Sunday, April 21. The theme will be "April Delights". So to all the wonderful cooks at the Meeting House, put on your thinking caps and bake up some "delightful goodies."



Without music, life would be a mistake. (Nietzsche)

JOYS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Joyce Young recently wrote an interesting My View column for the Cape Cod Times on the dangers of carbon monoxide.



PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE

April Birthdays



DIRECTORY CHANGES



THE GATHERING

The Gathering will be meeting on Monday evening April 8 at 7PM in the Fleck Room. We had so many laughs last month at Game Night playing UNO that I decided we would have another Game Night. So bring your games and we'll select one to play that evening.

In May, we'll be having a Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 4.

We also will be having a CPR demonstration/certification in May at a date and time TBD by the Fire Department.

All members and friends of UUMH are welcome to attend.

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

Tax Preparer Seeking New Clients. It's that time again to think about gathering up all your tax information for 2012. I offer pick-up and delivery service to your home. I have been doing taxes for over 30 years. Please call Charlotte Edgecombe at 508-398-8516. I will provide references, and I will offer \$50 discount for new clients.

Wanted! Gardeners for Harwich Community Garden
I have two rows with a roto tiller available in an irrigated area. I'd love to share the planting with any interested gardeners.
Walter Diggs 432-0437

Wanted: Sunny, open field (1/2-2 acres, minimum 200 ft. x 200 ft.) for organic growing of vegetables, fruits and cut flowers; Long-Term Lease,. Call Dr. Joyce R. Young, N.D., M.S. Botany at 348-1722