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**This is the Church of the Open Mind
This is the Church of the Helping Hands**

**This is the Church of the Loving Heart
This is the Church of the Caring Community**

Flea Market/ Summer Solstice

Plans are well underway for our church's participation in this annual event which will be on **Saturday, June 15**, this year. We have many vendors signed up who will occupy all the front lawn and much of the Summer Street side lawn, maybe even

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Church Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 1, 7 PM. North County Sustainability Center meeting, parish hall

Sunday, June 2, 10 AM Morning Worship: Religious Education Sunday; Ice Cream Social follows.

Monday, June 3, 7 PM. AA meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 4:30 PM Brownies

Sunday, June 9, 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM. Welcome Table Breakfast

Sunday, June 9, 10 AM Morning Worship; Flower Communion Sunday; coffee hour follows. Last Service of the Church Year.

Monday, June 10, 7 PM. AA meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 4:30 PM Brownies

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 PM. Governing Board Meeting, John White's. Church members invited.

Saturday, June 15, All Day, Church Flea Market/Town Summer Solstice Celebration and Parade

Saturday, June 15, 7 PM. North County Sustainability Center meeting, parish hall

Monday, June 17, 7 PM. AA meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 4:30 PM Brownies

Thursday, June 27, 5:30 PM. Our Neighbors Kitchen. (low price meal – everyone invited)

Tuesday, May 28, 5 PM. June newsletter material

FROM YOUR NEW MINISTER

Summer often brings transformations and endings that lead to new beginnings. Graduation means we leave school behind, and often begin a new job. June weddings lead to new homes, new lifestyles and new families. This summer, we in the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Winchendon are stepping onto a new path together. I am humbled and honored to accept the call to be your minister.

I was raised in the Unitarian-Universalist church. My personal spirituality is earth-centered. I worked for ten years with the Boston-based EarthSpirit Community, a group that organized events and networking for hundreds of members around New England and beyond. In 1993 Catherine Holmes Clark invited me to be a guest speaker at the First Parish UU church of Ashby. My work with Ashby inspired me to apply to Harvard Divinity School, which awarded me an M. Div. degree in 1998. I spent ten years applying my training in pastoral counseling at a domestic violence agency. I continued to lead worship services in Ashby as well as serving on their Parish Committee. I knew the Universe had a plan for me, and now that plan is unfolding.

I've been connected with Winchendon since my family bought a cottage on Lake Monomonic in the mid-1970s. In 1990, my parents, Jon and Kay Nicholson, replaced the cottage with a permanent home and retired there. They were active members of this church, then named Church of the Unity. My mom was part of The Putnam Alliance and my dad directed the church choir. They were active in town

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affairs, as well. My dad served as a Trustee of the library for several years. My sister and brother-in-law were married in this church and plan to retire here. I've lived and worked in Acton, Pepperell, and Fitchburg, but I've had roots in Winchendon for a long time. Now I feel as though I'm being called home. I'm house-hunting, and on May 20, I attended Winchendon's 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

There is always constancy within change. As our church looks forward to a new year with a new minister, we'll continue building our traditions. The Summer Solstice flea market will be held on June 15. We'll continue hosting the suppers for Our Neighbor's Kitchen and the Sunday morning Welcome Table breakfasts each month, and I look forward to meeting many of you there. Our church will expand its outreach as we open our doors to more civic organizations and small groups who need a central space for their meetings and events. We're planning more musical performances in our church. We'll further our work with the cluster of North Central Massachusetts Unitarian-Universalist Congregations, as our regional churches visit each other on Sundays and collaborate on special events. As the economy improves and our cities and towns can resume building and growing, we'll be welcoming new people to our activities and Sunday services, and to our congregation as members.

These are exciting times, full of potential and opportunity. Such times demand a lot from us, but the rewards are only as limited as our imaginations, dedication and willingness to pitch in together. I'm excited about this opportunity to work with all of you in nurturing and growing the UU Church of Winchendon-not only as a vibrant congregation but as part of both the greater community around us and the network of congregations that make up the UUA itself. I'm looking forward to being here for a long time to come.

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RE NEWS

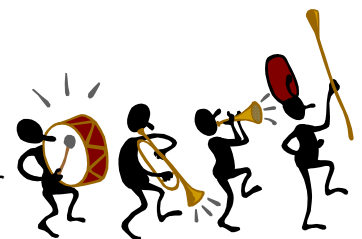
Please join us for RE Sunday on June 2nd, when the children and adults of the Religious Education Program will "take over" the sanctuary to celebrate and reflect upon Religious Education here at UUCW. We have packed a lot in since September! The service will be followed by our annual Ice Cream Social, so come have a Sunday sundae with us!



June 9th is the last day of services for the church year. It is also Flower Communion Sunday so you are invited to bring a flower of your choice to add to the communal vase. Norbert Capek (CHAHpek) created the "Flower Celebration" in Czechoslovakia in 1923.

Reginald Zottoli wrote: "The significance of the flower communion is that as no two flowers are alike, so no two people are alike, yet each has a contribution to make. Together the different flowers form a beautiful bouquet. Our common bouquet would not be the same without the unique addition of each individual flower, and thus it is with our church community: it would not be the same without each and every one of us. Thus this service is a statement of our community."

The town's Summer Solstice Celebration is on Saturday, June 15th. You will find details elsewhere in the newsletter, but here are a couple of points. **We need your unwanted things!** If you have unused "stuff" just collecting dust, please consider donating it to our flea market table. Things (no clothing, please) may be dropped off in the pine room anytime between now and the morning of the event. If you have something to add that morning, you may bring it straight to the table on the Pleasant Street side of the church. For the most part, items on our table will sell for a donation of the buyer's choice. If you have a treasure which you feel should bring in a minimum price, please let Tracy know. Also, you may let her know if your donations need to be



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BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Heather Mahoney	June 2
Inanna Arthen	June 20
David R. Faucher	June 28

CARING CONNECTIONS

UUCW is a caring congregation. We reach out to each other to offer caring and we remember each others' joys and concerns. Please let Inanna know if you would like to visit other members and friends, deliver flowers or an occasional meal, act as a greeter on Sunday services, offer a ride to church or any number of "caring connections" or if you are in need of a "caring connection" yourself at this time.

The Church will have a float in the parade which steps off at 11. Allan Gordon will provide his truck and trailer. It will feature our multicolored version of Clyde and some of the children riding.

What is needed most, if this our principal annual fundraiser is to succeed, is workers. With our small numbers, everyone's help is needed.

May we see everyone there on Saturday, the 15th!!!

picked up. **Everyone is invited to march in the Solstice Parade** at 11am. We will have people marching and a truck pulling our colorful Clyde Horse (town motto). Our theme is "church of the loving heart", so if you have ideas, would like to help decorate, or want more information, please speak with Tracy.

This is my last newsletter piece as DRE and I want to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed serving the congregation as such for the last 7 years (and teaching classes even longer!). I feel privileged to have worked and played with your children. They are truly remarkable people and I have learned so much from each one of them!

Holy History... Norbert Capek was born on June 3, 1870 in Bohemia. How appropriate that we will celebrate his creation of Flower Communion just a few days later! He once said: "These flowers are like ourselves; different colors, different shapes, & different sizes, each needing different kinds of care – but each beautiful, each important & special, in its own way." ...On June 18, 1873, Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for voting in Rochester, NY, but she refused to pay and the fine was never collected. ...Rod Serling (Unitarian and television writer) died on June 28, 1975. Remember "The Twilight Zone"?

Have a sensational summer!

Tracy Gambill, DRE

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the back lawn. Most vendors come early and will be all set up by 9 AM. The church will have at least one table for donations. (See the RE News column for details.)

Some of vendors will offer food, but the Church won't do a food event this year.

The Church will also sponsor the *Roaming Railroad* which will operate in the street between the Church and Clark YMCA except during the parade. The Church will receive a share from the ticket sales of this "kiddie" ride. At this writing there is also a possibility of more attractions for children. Though it wasn't a big draw last year, we will again offer an opportunity for people to ring the church bell in exchange for a donation.