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**This is the Church of the Open Mind**  
**This is the Church of the Loving Heart**

**This is the Church of the Helping Hands**  
**This is the Church of the Caring Community**

## Calendar of Church Events

### Thursday, June 11

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves  
Southwestern Pork  
(Drive-Through/Take-Out)

### Tuesday, June 23

7:00 pm - UUCW Governing Board  
Meeting, Parish Hall

### Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meetings on hold

### Thursday, June 25

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves  
Chef's Choice  
(Drive-Through/Take-Out)

### Sunday, June 28

5:00 pm - UUCW Annual Meeting,  
Parish Hall

## From Your Editor

The balmy outdoors is calling: chipmunks are chattering, birds are warbling, and the ground is exploding with color and growth. And we humans are venturing forth. I've delighted in seeing some faces I haven't seen in months...well, half a face sporting a mask, but the smiling eyes say everything. A few more businesses in town have propped open their doors, the walkers and bicyclists are taking to the streets, and cheerful conversations erupt at the post office and banks.

Spring is such a forward-looking season, and one of such rapid change. As we all step out and look forward, let's take pause to think about what positive changes we may have made during our confinement and introspection, and endeavor to continue in those new directions.

May we see your smiling eyes at one of our future events: a take-out supper, our Annual Meeting, or one of the summer outings we'll be announcing. Join us!

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

# Notice of Annual Meeting

All legal members of UUCW are notified to meet in the Parish Hall on Sunday, June 28, at 5:00 PM for our Annual Meeting. The seven Articles to be voted on are:

ARTICLE I – To choose a moderator for the governing of the meeting.

ARTICLE II – To receive reports of the Governing Board, the Treasurer, and any other Officers and Committees required to report to the church or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE III – To see if the church will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Governing Board, to borrow money during the ensuing year, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE IV – To appropriate money for the support of preaching and do the necessary parish charges for the current year, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE V – To elect a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, an Auditor, members of the Governing Board, and other such officers, committees, and delegates as the Meeting may deem proper for the ensuing year or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE VI – To see if the church wishes to engage a minister in any capacity for the next church year, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE VII – To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings, but are not eligible to vote.

Based upon Massachusetts Phase 1 re-opening guidelines for houses of worship, we anticipate being able to hold this meeting indoors while maintaining adequate social distancing and attendance numbers. Attendees are expected to wear masks should they still be in force by that time.

This is an important year for UUCW, both directionally and financially, and we look forward to your input at the Annual Meeting.

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## UUCW Online

Main Website: [uucw.ncmuuc.org](http://uucw.ncmuuc.org)

Set in Stone Website: [www.set-in-stone.org](http://www.set-in-stone.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/uuwinchendon](https://facebook.com/uuwinchendon)

## The Boiler Bows Out

A building of this age and size will always present new challenges. No one knows how old our boiler really is...but records take it back at least 30 years. As my mother would acknowledge: "It doesn't owe us anything."



Our days of patching, coaxing and hand-wringing are over. The boiler finally heaved its last gasp this past winter. It (barely) made it through the heating season and we have shut it down for good. We are facing an unplanned \$16,000 cost for its replacement. That expense is layered on top of our usual operating expenses, and is the focus of our annual fundraising drive currently underway (see following article). We have until October to restore heat to the building!

## UUCW's Annual Fundraising Drive

Every spring UUCW embarks on our annual fundraising drive. This is when we reach out to all of our members and other associates of the church to seek financial support for our fiscal year beginning July 1.

We have ambitious goals and invoices to accompany them. Our Set in Stone capital campaign launched only one year ago, and will continue for several more years, as we tackle stonework repairs for each section of the building. Next up is the clock tower, which is in the worst state of disrepair.

Our operational expenses are ever-present. Our large building consumes almost 2000 gallons of fuel oil despite our frugal heating practices. Our Neighbor's Kitchen regularly taxes our propane, electricity and water supplies. As if that weren't enough, our boiler had to call it quits!

Our Treasurer (yours truly) has huddled over the books, putting Scrooge to shame with penny-pinching tactics. We've renegotiated insurance and phone rates, and applied for a variety of different grants. We are forever grateful to our volunteers who have saved our church extraordinary labor costs by donating so much of their time, skills and related supplies.

But...we need your help to make ends meet. This year more than ever, please consider a financial gift to UUCW. We will cherish any amount you can give!

You may donate by check, place cash in our ONK donation cans, or use our website which is set up for electronic payment:

[uucw.ncmuuc.org/support-uucw/](http://uucw.ncmuuc.org/support-uucw/)

Please help us so that we may continue to help others.

## **Our Neighbor's Kitchen "Drive- Through" Debuts**

Our Neighbor's Kitchen is ready for drive-through (or walk-up) service! The Sackett family (pictured) tested our assembly line process on May 14 and efficiently greeted arriving diners on our front circle with ready-to-eat hot meals.



Our overzealous cooking yielded such quantities that we were able to supply

suppers to both the police and fire department staffs!



On May 28 the Faucher family served up teriyaki chicken, salad, roasted broccoli, rice and watermelon to a steady stream of drivers and pedestrians.

We will repeat this drive-through model throughout June while indoor gatherings remain limited. We'll put out our ONK banners on the lawn and post on our website and Facebook page to confirm we're a "go."

## **An Eye for Miracles**

You who have an eye for miracles regard the bud now appearing on the fragile young tree.

It's a mere dot, a nothing.

But already it's a flower, already a fruit, already its own death and resurrection.

-Diego Valeri

*Happy Spring!*