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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, July 30

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves
Cheesy Beef Bake
(Drive-Through/Take-Out)

Saturday, August 1

10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Lawn Fair,
Church Grounds

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am – Blueberry Picking Field Trip
to Monadnock Berries, Troy, NH

Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meetings resume!

Thursday, August 13

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

Tuesday, August 24

7:00 pm – Governing Board Meeting,
Dial-In (RSVP Jill Sackett)

Thursday, August 27

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

From Your Editor

Trying times require innovation, and such innovation has allowed us to put together several summer events that should prove a welcome relief to our home confinement. First, despite the cancellation of the Clark Memorial Summer Solstice, we are proceeding with our own Lawn Fair! We've signed up an eclectic mix of crafters, collectors, yard salers, retailers and food, sure to offer a little something for everyone. Second, no summer is complete without a pilgrimage to Monadnock Berries in Troy, NH for some of the largest, juiciest berries around. And finally, Our Neighbor's Kitchen continues as drive-through with peak numbers coming by for take-out suppers. Don your mask and join us!

"Thinking outside of the box keeps you from suffocating inside of one."

-Matshona Dhliwayo

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board

UUCW Lawn Fair Offers Broad Appeal

We've got a lawn packed full of vendors for our first and only summer Lawn Fair on Saturday August 1, from 10 am to 3 pm. Shoppers will find everything from hand-made and silk-screened clothing, jewelry, home décor, vinyl records, custom fishing lures, potted cacti, crochet, Color Street nail strips, Paparazzi accessories, books for all ages, yard sale items, and even a freecycle area! For kids, we'll have a painting station and Krafty Kim will be hand-drawing glitter tattoos.

In honor of the now-cancelled state chili cook-off, which would have been held in Winchendon on this day, UUCW will be offering their own chili-tasting. Diners may purchase classic meat & red bean chili, vegetarian multi-bean chili, or sweet Caribbean ham & black bean chili...or a "flight" of all three! Sample each and choose *your* favorite.

UUCW will have an information table set up with the latest news on our Set in Stone capital campaign for stonework repair, Our Neighbor's Kitchen, and samples of our newsletter.

No fair is complete without music, and we are thrilled to welcome Kayden Gordon, who will be live-broadcasting country favorites for [Spectrum 23.9](#).

In keeping with Massachusetts COVID-19 guidelines, shoppers and vendors are

asked to wear masks and practice social distancing. We have a large front lawn and vendors will be well-spaced. We'll have a separate area set up for mask-free dining. We plan to make this event as fun and as comfortable as we can.

This is our only fundraiser for the summer. Stop on by and check out the festivities!

Berries, Anyone?

There is a little piece of heaven just up the road from Winchendon. If you have not visited Monadnock Berries in Troy, New Hampshire, you are in for a memorable treat.



Visitors to this long-established U-pick farm enjoy panoramic views of Mt. Monadnock while strolling through 10+ acres of blueberries. The farm also grows raspberries, currants and gooseberries. Pre-picked berries, related gift items and refreshments are also sold at their farm stand. Some just come to soak up the peaceful views! For prices, directions and more, check out their website: monadnockberries.com/

Join Joe & Jill Sackett for this annual “must-do” summer trip! We’ll meet at the church on Sunday, August 9, at 10 am and caravan up Route 12 to Troy. Once there, it’s easy to spread out among the rows of berries and still socialize as we please. Plan to spend about an hour at the farm, and leave at your leisure. RSVP appreciated but not necessary: jill@sackett.com



Massachusetts Historical Commission Visits UUCW for Set in Stone Grant

On July 17 UUCW hosted a site visit from Tracey Fortier, Preservation Planner, from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), and John Wathne, Principal Engineer, from Structures North Engineering. Their visit signaled the official start of Phase 2 Set in Stone masonry repairs.



The pair undertook a thorough review of the building, taking many measurements and pictures. They confirmed the scope of Phase 2, which will finish up mortar work on the East elevation building face and repair the East face of the bell tower. We hope to “fast-track” this work, sending out requests for bids in late August and starting work this fall.

We’ll update our progress on our dedicated website: set-in-stone.org.

Bye-Bye Boiler... Thank You Donors!

All is quiet in the boiler room as our rusty old relic is laid to rest. Over the next few weeks, Chair City Oil (CCO) will dismantle and haul out the old boiler, and assemble a new commercial grade boiler in its place. Peter and Dave Tourigny of CCO worked closely with us to optimize purchase and installation costs, which were finalized at \$15,000.

Some key donations helped push us over the finish line for funding. UUCW received a \$2500 grant from the Agnew M. Lindsay Trust. Based in Bedford, New Hampshire, this Trust supports 501(c)3 organizations that perform community service work, including service for the food insecure and rural communities. More information about Mrs. Lindsay's remarkable legacy is at lindsaytrust.org/.

We also received generous donations from individual supporters, including Gordon Harper of Keene, NH. We are deeply grateful for this financial support and acknowledgement of the community work we are doing.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen Receives 2nd COVID-19 Grant

Hungry diners are driving through our circle in hefty numbers as word of Our Neighbor's Kitchen take-out dinners spread. On July 9 the Sackett family served a chilled salad trio: grilled chicken Caesar salad, tuna macaroni salad and marinated veggie salad, with trail mix cookies. On July 23 the Faucher family served the "three C's": classic chili loaded with meat and beans, fresh coleslaw, and cornbread. Coming up on July 30, Joe & Jill return to serve cheesy beef bake, tomato & cucumber salad, and sweet shortbread.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are free to all, and while donations are gladly received, they serve to cover only a fraction of the costs. We were thrilled to receive a grant from Church Mutual Insurance Company's foundation, CM CARES®, which has established a \$500,000 "COVID-19 Protecting the Greater Good Recovery Fund." This fund prioritized donations to support essential needs provided by 501(c)3 organizations that perform community service work that are experiencing increased demand caused by the pandemic.

The grant extends our ability to keep operating "in the black," and will go directly to expenses such as groceries, take-out containers, and utility costs such as propane.

Look for our lawn banners the week of our dinners, and find updates to our menus on our Facebook page.

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