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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

### **Mondays**

7:45 pm - AA Meeting, Parish Hall

### **Thursday, October 10**

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen  
serves Spaghetti with Rich  
Meat Sauce

### **Saturday, October 12**

10:00 – 11:30 am - Winchendon  
Winds Band Concert,  
UUCW Sanctuary

### **Saturday, October 12**

10:00 – 3:00 pm - Fall Festival –  
UUCW Church Vendors, Food and  
Entertainment (see article),  
UUCW Front Lawn

### **Monday, October 14**

7:00 pm – UUCW Governing Board  
Meeting, UUCW Minister's Study

### **Saturday, October 19**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm – “Suds and  
Subs” Volunteer Fall Cleanup and  
Group Lunch, UUCW Parish Hall

### **Thursday, October 24**

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen  
serves Roast Pork with Apples  
and Onions

### **Thursday, October 31**

5:30 pm – Our Neighbor's Kitchen  
serves “Something Spooky” -  
Happy Halloween!

## From Your Editor

Greetings from your newly installed editor! After five years at the helm, Rev. Arthen has stepped away for a well-deserved rest and as current Chair of the Governing Board, I will be assembling your news. I cannot begin to fill Rev. Arthen's shoes with regard to the depth and breadth of the information that was provided, but I can assure you of a current calendar and the most recent news affecting our beautiful church.

While the church is not currently holding traditional worship services, we are hosting a variety of events, gearing up for some long overdue repairs, and doing some serious

soul-searching as to our future direction. We would love for you to be a part of any of these activities. Stop in for a delicious “restaurant quality” community dinner; check out our second-biggest fundraiser of the year: the Winchendon Fall Festival; attend Winchendon Winds’ final band concert of the year in our lovely sanctuary; join us for a group scrubbing session and social lunch; or attend our next Governing Board meeting to participate in our deliberations in person. Read on for details. See you at church!

-Jill Nicholson Sackett  
Chair, Governing Board

## Countdown to the Fall Festival

The entire town is gearing up for the Winchendon Fall Festival from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, October 12 (Columbus Day weekend) and we’re jumping right in! While the town will be closing the entire length of Central Street from Cumby’s to CVS for vendors, food, and entertainment, UUCW will be adding to the fun with a front lawn full of even more vendors, food and entertainment. Watch our Facebook page for the very latest updates for this big day, but here’s a sampling of what you can expect at church...

### Entertainment:

Music - Winchendon Winds will be kicking off the festival in the church sanctuary at 10:00 am with a family-friendly concert

reprising some of their summer audience favorites. The lineup includes “Fanfare for the Common Man,” “Simple Gifts,” “Candide,” plus familiar marches and tunes. Admission is free.



Storytime - Usbourne Books will be reading children’s stories at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm on the front steps to the church tower.

Tarot – Rev. Arthen is offering Tarot readings for the inquisitive for a free-will donation. Stop by and see what’s “in the cards” for you.

Henna Hand Painting – will be offered all day at the ISKON booth (International Society for Krishna Consciousness).

### Food:

Chef Dave Faucher is cooking up pulled pork street tacos and apple desserts for curbside sale. We’ll have tables set up on the lawn to rest and enjoy your food purchases.

### Vendors:

Our talented vendors will be selling...

Craft BBQ Sauce, Halloween Décor, Fine Art Photography, Handcrafted Wooden Birdhouses, Custom Jewelry, Hand-Turned Wooden Pens, Silkscreening, Acrylic Paintings, and more.

Early-birds will find the best parking in the neighborhood streets right behind the church or a short walk from GAR Park. We hope to see you there!

## **Suds and Subs Volunteer Morning**

If you have just a couple hours on your hands and would like a cheerful volunteer opportunity that would make a BIG difference, this event is for you. On October 19, Saturday morning at 10:00 am we'll meet in the Parish Hall to undertake some much-needed cleaning. We'll supply the gloves, pails, and cleansers; you supply the elbow grease. We'll spend about 1 ½ hours washing down walls, cabinets and some hard-to-reach places in the Parish Hall. Afterwards we'll walk over to a local eatery for sandwiches and conversation. For more info contact Jill Sackett at (224) 567-3635.

## **Set in Stone Moves into Phase 1 Bidding Stage**

On Wednesday, September 25, five different masonry firms, all specialists in historic stonework repair, gathered at the church to examine the daunting task of repairing the church stonework. Phase 1 of this extensive project, funded by the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation, focuses on the front entrance and quelling the water seepage that has

accelerated plaster deterioration in the interior archway. The firms will be submitting their bids for work within the week, and UUCW will be awarding the contract to one of the masons this month. Ideally, you should be seeing scaffolding and work beginning in earnest later this month before the weather gets too cold.

Below, two masonry firm representatives confer with UUCW members Al Gordan and Jill Sackett.



You can follow our stonework restoration progress in detail at our dedicated website: [set-in-stone.org](http://set-in-stone.org).

## **Our Neighbor's Kitchen**

In keeping with our new "Pathway to Healthier Eating" initiative, we served two new and different meals this month. On

September 12, Chef Dave Faucher served up herbed baked chicken and two different types of fall squash: spaghetti and acorn. Our educational placemats featured the rarely seen nor eaten spaghetti squash and diners eagerly forked up the nutty, buttery strands. On September 26, newly ServSafe certified Chefs Jill & Joe Sackett loaded ten ham and cheese quiches into the new commercial capacity double oven. The health benefits of the humble egg, now exonerated from its undeserved reputation of containing “bad” cholesterol, were outlined on the educational placemats. The plates were scraped clean!

The Winchendon Community Action Committee and Sunset View Farm (below) continue to provide generous donations of fresh produce which we readily incorporate into our meals. Recent examples include acorn squash, yellow onions, and grape and cherry tomatoes. We are most grateful for their support.



## UUCW Online

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

Facebook:

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

## Our Future

After years of different service plans and varying attendance, we have reluctantly concluded that our membership is no longer interested in a traditional worship service format. We have launched into a series of 1:1 and group discussions to determine how we wish to redirect our Unitarian Universalist community. Our initial conversations have revealed that our membership holds fond feelings for our church and good ideas for future focus. Stay tuned for more updates on this pivotal issue. We sincerely welcome your input; contact [jill@sackett.com](mailto:jill@sackett.com).

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## Change of Address?

We want to stay in touch! If you change your address, either U.S. Mail or email, please let us know. Email [jill@sackett.com](mailto:jill@sackett.com) or send a written note to the church at P.O. Box 218, Winchendon, MA 01475.