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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

Sunday, June 6

11:00 am – Worship Service:
“The Blessing of the Bulbs”
Church Sanctuary

Sunday, June 6

12:00 pm – Social Hour: Meet and Greet
Church Sanctuary, Front Lawn

Sunday, June 6

1:00 pm – UUCW Annual Meeting,
Church Sanctuary

Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Thursday, June 10

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor’s Kitchen serves
Spaghetti w/ Hearty Meat Sauce
(Drive-Through/Take-Out)

Monday, June 14

7:30 pm – Governing Board Meeting,
Dial-In (RSVP Jill Sackett)

Saturday, June 19

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Summer Lawn Fair

Thursday, June 24

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor’s Kitchen serves
TBD (Drive-Through/Take-Out)

From Your Editor

Here is the month we’ve been awaiting: the return to the new “normal.” UUCW is planning the busiest month we’ve had in over a year. I hugged a friend yesterday and realized it was the first hug I’ve enjoyed outside of my immediate family since the pandemic began. I realized how much I missed human interactions. The return to these simple pleasures: a hug, a coffee hour, dining with friends, shopping at leisure, shaking someone’s hand, are ever more savored. If COVID taught us anything, it is the importance of being connected, the fragility of life and relishing the present moment.

May you relish many present moments this summer.

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

Regeneration: The Blessing of the Bulbs

Over sixty bulbs await distribution as we prepare for our “second annual” Blessing of the Bulbs Worship Service. On Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 am we welcome incoming summer with an uplifting lay-led service of readings, poems and music. We’ll reflect of the miracle of regrowth and share our hopes for our own regrowth this season. At the close of the service, take your bulbs home for planting or donate them to the front church gardens, which underwent an overhaul last Fall and are in need of some new color! We’ll follow this service with a...

Social Hour: “Meet and Greet”



What all goes on in this big stone church? What’s Unitarian Universalism all about, anyway? Looking for a friendly, welcoming group of “locals”? Join us for refreshments and socializing on Sunday, June 6 at noon. Look around our lovely sanctuary. Hear about our community service activities. Could this be a church for you? Come find out.

UUCW’s Annual Fundraising Drive

It comes only once a year: every spring 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.

COVID restrictions have stymied our usual fundraising activities, yet the demands of our venerable old building and community service work continue unabated. We’ve raised grant money, sold cookies, rented vendor space and shepherded our endowments, but that’s not quite enough...

This year our Set in Stone capital campaign is finishing the first face of our tower repair. We will be completing all faces of the tower over the next several years as funding permits.

Our operational demands include 2000+ gallons of heating fuel even with our frugal heating practices. Our Neighbor’s Kitchen regularly taxes our propane, electricity and water supplies. We have costs related to Board of Health, building, fire and elevator inspections to keep our kitchen and overall building safe and ADA-accessible.

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. Please consider a financial gift to UUCW. You may designate your gift to something specific, such as Set in Stone, Our Neighbor's Kitchen, fuel oil, etc. and we will be happy to channel it appropriately.

You may mail a check to: UUCW, P.O. Box 218, Winchendon, MA 01475, or use our website which is set up for electronic payment:

uucw.ncmuuc.org/support-uucw/

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

Summer Lawn Fair Set to Launch

The front lawn is sold out and UUCW welcomes the return of social gatherings with our annual June Lawn Fair. We welcome a terrific array of items for your perusal. Our vendors include:

By Light Unseen Media (original books)
Divas Divine (wine glasses/coasters)
Fern and Farmhouse (custom wreaths)
Off the Wall Records (collectible vinyl)
Ophelia Jude (crochet)
Modern Heathen (jewelry and more)
Paxton Flags (wood crafts)
Pure Haven (non-toxic products)
Rutka's Birdhouses (wood crafts)
Sew Dandy (handmade clothing)
Shadowdreams (art created from photos)
Slutty Muffins ("sinfully delicious")
Spinning Ginny (woven/knitted items)

Teenie's Sweet Shop (baked goods)
Whimsy Lady Lair (floral art)
...to name just a few.

We'll also have vendors selling popular lines such as Paparazzi, Scentsy, DotDotSmile, and Color Street.

Friends of the Beals Library will be selling gently used books and DVDs, and the Garden Club will be running their themed basket raffle.

Bargain hunters may find a treasure or two at the UUCW yard sale and freecycle tables. Shoppers won't go hungry as UUCW will be selling picnic favorites such as chili dogs, chips and soda. The entire day will be serenaded by DJ Kayden Gordon, live-streaming country music favorites from the church's center entrance.

Break out of quarantine and enjoy a day at the fair!



UUCW Online

Main Website: uucw.ncmuuc.org

Set in Stone Website: www.set-in-stone.org

Facebook: facebook.com/uuwinchendon

Notice of Annual Meeting

All legal members of UUCW are notified to meet in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, June 6, at 1:00 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.

Church members may receive advance e-copies of the Article II reports by contacting Jill Sackett (below). Additional paper copies will be available at the Meeting.

This is a great time to learn more about the “state of the church” and offer your thoughts, suggestions, and support. If you are interested in holding a position on the Governing Board or forming a committee, please contact Jill Sackett for more information. Time commitment is modest for a big return!

We will be following any State guidelines still in place for COVID-19. Our sizeable, airy sanctuary allows for plenty of social distancing as needed.

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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