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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 10

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

Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Sunday, July 18

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

Thursday, July 22

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves
Chili Con Carne
(Drive-Through/Take-Out)

From Your Editor

What a delight to see “the public” back out in public! At our recent Summer Lawn Fair, things seemed, well, *normal*. Shoppers strolled leisurely from booth to booth, friends welcomed each other with a handshake or hug, and hungry visitors ate and drank as they moved throughout the grounds. Our beautiful New England summer days are added incentive to venture out.

As we return to this new normal, we also return to the plans we set aside for the future direction of our church. We will be picking those up again now. Anyone interested in where we are, or should be going, is welcome to attend one of our Governing Board meetings, or arrange to meet individually with me. The realm of Community Ministry is quite broad, and we have many options, including the option to participate to a greater or lesser extent. If you are looking for a local, friendly community, come check us out.

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

UUCW Lawn Fair

Jump Starts Summer

As the State emerges from pandemic confinement, UUCW ushered in the season with our annual Summer Solstice Lawn Fair. On Saturday, June 19, over 30 vendors and groups assembled on our front and side lawns, displaying a wide array of crafts, retail items, tag sale treasures and foods. The sultry day served up plentiful sunshine and a nice breeze.



Over half of the vendors hailed from Winchendon, with the remainder from nearby towns, giving a much-needed boost to our cottage industries. Shoppers perused hand-made clothing, jewelry, custom wreaths and floral art, wood crafts, crochet and knit items, original novels, collectible vinyl albums and more. Popular line products such as Paparazzi, Scentsy, DotDotSmile and Color Street were also present. Friends of the Beals Library offered a large selection of gently used books and DVDs. The Winchendon Garden Club cleared an impressive collection of outdoor plants and conducted their popular themed basket raffle. HEAL

Winchendon set up an information table with sign-up sheets for Family Play Days, Youth Changemakers, and workshops. Vendors from the biweekly Toy Town Outdoor Market also joined in.



UUCW's food stand sold out of hot dogs, baked potatoes and chili con carne with choose-your-own toppings. Dessert options were amply covered by the baked treats offered by Teenie's Sweet Shop and Slutty Muffins.

DJ Kayden Gordon kept toes tapping with live-streamed country music from the church front steps. He was joined midday by local artist Fred Ellsworth who performed live at the mike.



This was a welcome and much-needed fundraiser for UUCW. All proceeds from this Lawn Fair were put towards the continued Set in Stone masonry repairs, which are detailed at right.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen Extends Drive- Through to September

It is now a frequent question: “When are we returning inside?” We also miss visiting with our friends over a hearty meal, but have decided to exercise a little more patience and wait for more of Winchendon to receive their vaccinations. Once we do return indoors, we want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable dining together again.

We keep cooking! On June 10 the Sacketts served up spaghetti with hearty meat sauce, salad and snickerdoodle cookies. On June 24 the Fauchers presented their annual country rib dinner, with pasta salad, corn-on-the-cob and watermelon. Both served well over 80 meals. We have a well-oiled take-out process and enjoy greeting our drive-through diners. Just a few more weeks until we can greet everyone beyond a wave through the car window!

UUCW Online

Main Website: uucw.ncmuuc.org

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

Facebook: facebook.com/uuwinchendon

Set in Stone Completes Phase 2 Repairs

It's a wrap – Joseph Gnazzo Construction finished their work on the East tower section on time, and on budget. They rebuilt the entire Northeast buttress, stone by stone, finished all mortar work on the main East elevation, and worked on the upper tower section.

One of the more challenging tasks was securing granite stones that had begun to bulge outward under the tower soffit. Gnazzo removed 4” circular pieces of granite from the exterior stones, then anchored each stone with a large pin extending back into the tower. The “head” of the pin was covered by the circular granite “plug.” If you look closely at the tower face you can see the outline of these circular “plugs” under the soffit.



Removal of the complex scaffolding took a full week. In the picture above, the workmen are using a pully system to lower each large steel plank to the ground. Gnazzo was very accommodating to our schedule and got all of the scaffolding down just prior to our June 19 Summer Lawn Fair.

We are already planning for Phase 3. Every step we complete brings us closer to a water-tight and structurally sound building. This next phase will prioritize the most urgent work as recommended by Structures North Consulting Engineers, who have been overseeing this project since its inception. We are looking at various parts of the tower section, as well as the “valley” between the tower and the main building. UUCW will be filing another application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission during their next grant cycle in Spring 2022. With fortune and good planning, we will be continuing this critical work late next year.

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UUCW Joins Town- Wide Yard Sale on August 14

The fun is not done...UUCW will return with a second Summer Lawn Fair on Saturday, August 14. This time we will collaborate with the Winchendon Town-Wide Yard Sale, hosted by Ahimsa Haven at 202 Central Street. Ahimsa provides a list of participating sellers and bargain-hunters spend the morning traveling stop-by-stop throughout town.

In addition to our own tag sale table and freecycle area, UUCW will once again rent out lawn space to vendors of all types. Anyone wishing to rent a spot can access our application form and details at our website:

uucw.ncmuuc.org/summer-fair/

Fundraising Drive – Thank You!

For those of you who so generously sent financial support: we can't thank you enough. We welcome donations throughout the year in any amount and for any designated purpose.

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/