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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, September 9

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

Monday, September 20

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

Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Thursday, September 23

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves
Pulled Pork and Mac n' Cheese
(Drive-Through/Take-Out)

Sunday, September 26

2:00 pm – UUCW Hosts Winchendon
Winds Concert Band, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 30

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves
Pork Chops with Apple Gravy
(Drive-Through/Take-Out)

From Your Editor

It is hard to believe that two years have already passed since we held our Focus Panel with current and former members of UUCW to explore future directions. We were working in earnest on the panel's suggestions when we were all gripped by the COVID-19 siege. How we all wish we were in a better state at this point! I am reminded of the mantra that our son brought back from his time in the Marines: "Adapt and overcome." And that is what we all must do. We will keep pushing forward in our quest to better ourselves, better our community, and better our time while walking this amazing planet. This fall we will resume those Focus Panel deliberations. Some of you may be hearing from us for more insight. We welcome your input.

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

UUCW Soaks Up Support at August 14 Lawn Fair

UUCW's second and final fundraiser of the summer was held on Saturday, August 14. As we ran concurrent with the Winchendon Town-Wide Yard Sale, we greeted a large number of browsers particularly interested in our tag sale and freecycle items. We were thrilled to clear many items off of those tables! An early morning shower passed quickly and we enjoyed a steady stream of traffic.

The proceeds of both of our lawn fairs this summer went towards our Set-in-Stone capital campaign to repair our building's masonry. UUCW is currently wrapping up Phase 2 of this multi-year, multi-phase project. We were heartened by the words of encouragement we received at our information table, with a number of visitors remarking on weddings they had attended in the church, and the building's beauty and dominant presence in town.

There will be ample opportunity to visit our lovely building this fall as we open our doors to a fall series with the Winchendon Winds professional concert band, and participate in the Winchendon Fall festival in October. Read on for details!

Winchendon Winds Returns with Fall Concert Series

After a long, COVID-induced hiatus, UUCW is thrilled to welcome back the Winchendon Winds professional concert band. This 40-piece wind ensemble, founded by late music educator and Winchendon resident Jon Nicholson, is now in its 7th year of operation. The ensemble is planning a five-concert series this fall, beginning in late September, kicking off the town's Fall Festival in October, and culminating with a special Veterans tribute concert in mid-November.

Winchendon Winds

Professional Concert Band

James Chesebrough, Conductor

Rick Anderson, Assistant Conductor

2021 Fall Concert Series

Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon

126 Central Street

Sunday, September 26 - 2:00 p.m.

"Repertoire Classics"

Saturday, October 9 - 10:00 a.m.

Winchendon Fall Festival - "From the Stage"

Sunday, October 17 - 2:00 p.m.

"Dances and Marches"

Sunday, October 24 - 2:00 p.m.

"Beauty"

Sunday, November 14 - 2:00 p.m.

Veterans' Tribute - "America!"

Pre-Concert Refreshments - Free Admission

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“Win Winds” musicians hail from Winchendon and many surrounding towns, as well as southern New Hampshire, Vermont, and the metro Boston area. The ensemble plays a wide variety of music with different concert themes. This fall audiences will enjoy pieces ranging from the familiar and exciting “William Tell Overture,” to popular fanfares, musicals, marches and classic concert band selections. Concerts are family-friendly, free, and open to the entire public.

Our Neighbor’s Kitchen Continues Take-Out Service and Record Demand

“Thanks” to COVID, UUCW will be distributing our delicious meals on our front circle for the foreseeable future. This practice, now 15 months running, has introduced a much wider audience to Our Neighbor’s Kitchen (ONK). While our indoor meals typically served 40 – 70 diners, our drive-through take-out service routinely serves upward of 70, with a high-water mark of nearly 125 for our Thanksgiving extravaganza. Cooking and food preparation is shared between the Faucher and Sackett families, with a handful of very capable volunteers.

ONK is considered a truly community program, serving those with a variety of

needs and economic backgrounds. We have welcomed diners on foot, bicycle and in cars. We have welcomed those who may be eating their only solid meal for the day; those who can’t or won’t cook in their homes; those seeking a “night off” from the kitchen; and those who come because simply something on our menu appeals to them.

Try us out. And watch for our eventual return indoors, when we can break bread together and really get to know some of our fellow residents and neighbors.



Student volunteers from the Winchendon School help “run” the meals upstairs from our kitchen...

Toy Town Outdoor Market Rebrands and Relocates

This month, we bid farewell and best wishes to the Toy Town Outdoor Market. UUCW has hosted this hardy group of local farmers and crafters for well over 15 years. For some time they have set their sights on relocating to the Legion Park, abutting Route 12 (Front Street) where they feel they will have increased visibility. Their opportunity has finally come to pass this year.

Concurrent with their move, they are renaming themselves the “Winchendon Farmers Market.” They’ll be keeping the same hours of operation: Thursday late afternoons and Saturday mornings. Pay them a visit, pick up some fresh produce, baked goods, one-of-a-kind crafts, and support your local businesses!

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When the Summer Sun is Shining

When the summer sun is shining
Over golden land and sea,
And the flowers in the hedgerow
Welcome butterfly and bee;
Then my open heart is glowing,
Full of warmth for everyone,
And I feel an inner beauty
Which reflects the summer sun.

When the summer clouds of thunder
Bring the long-awaited rain,
And the thirsty soil is moistened
And the grass is green again;
Then I long for summer sunshine,
But I know that clouds and tears
Are a part of life’s refreshment,
Like the rainbow’s hopes and fears.

In the cool of summer evening,
When the dancing insects play,
And in garden, street and meadow
Linger echoes of the day;
Then my heart is full of yearning;
Hopes and mem’ries flood the whole
Of my being, reaching inwards
To the corners of my soul.

- *Sydney Henry Knight*

Soak up this last month of summer...

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