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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

Monday, June 6

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

Thursday, June 9

5:30 pm – Our Neighbor’s Kitchen serves
Creamy Country Chicken ‘n Noodles,
Parish Hall

Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Sunday, June 12

4:30 pm – Annual Meeting,
Church Sanctuary

Saturday, June 18

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Summer Lawn Fair

Thursday, June 23

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor’s Kitchen serves
Dish To-Be-Announced,
Parish Hall

From Your Editor

What is our breaking point? How many deaths? How many survivors irreparably traumatized and/or permanently injured? How many children? Young adults in their exuberant prime? Elderly folks finally reaching their golden years? What will it take for us as a society to say finally, finally, this is *not* the society we want to live in? Schools, houses of worship, grocery stores, and entertainment venues cannot carry the responsibility and burden of preventing mass shootings. I have yet to hear anyone reasonably defend the need for the “average citizen” to own high-powered, automatic weapons. Yes, we are the “land of the free,” but at what price? Let us look to other developed countries. And if you visit other developed countries, have you noticed how they view us? Find and listen to a version of their local news. It’s frightening.

We are beyond overdue. America is a gun. *Change. Change. Change!*

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

UUCW Kicks Off Summer with Annual Lawn Fair

Despite the Central Street construction “dust” we are keeping our tradition of our annual Summer Solstice Lawn Fair on Saturday, June 18, 9 am – 2 pm.

And so are you...our available spots are almost all rented out! We'll have a terrific array of items for your perusal. Our vendors include:

Avera's (pottery)
Discount/Surplus Retail
Off the Wall Records (collectible vinyl)
Pure Haven (non-toxic products)
Putnam's Clothing Bazaar
Rutka's Birdhouses (wood crafts)
Sew Dandy (handmade clothing)
Whimsy Lady Lair (floral art)
...to name just a few.

We'll also have vendors selling popular lines such as Avon and Scentsy.

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

Shoppers won't go hungry as UUCW will be selling picnic favorites such as hot dogs, chips and soda. Winchendon Winds concert band will provide entertainment at 11 am with family-friendly music in the church sanctuary.

Last minute vendors can still sign up! Details and an application form are listed under “Lawn Fairs” on our website: <https://uucw.ncmuuc.org/>

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Summer *Something for Everyone!* 

Lawn Fair

Crafts Saturday, June 18
Food 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
126 Central Street

New and Used Goods Freecycle Table

To rent a space or learn more, visit
uucw.ncmuuc.org/summer-fair/

After a two-year hiatus, the Clark Memorial YMCA will be running its Summer Solstice Festival concurrently across the street. Between their event and ours, there will be plenty to do downtown!

Winchendon Winds Opens 6-Concert Series

UUCW is once again pleased to host Winchendon Winds in our acoustically “live” church sanctuary. “Win Winds,” is a 40-piece professional-level concert band now in its 8th year of operation.

The band opened its season over Memorial Day weekend with a Veterans' Tribute concert featuring

fanfares, marches, military tunes and hymns. The Winchendon American Legion Post 193 Color Guard presented the flags and the post 193 Auxiliary followed up with a delicious post-concert reception.



How marvelous it was to hear the sanctuary swelling with timeless band music! Win Winds will present five more concerts throughout June. Be sure to hear at least one of them.

Winchendon Winds

Professional Concert Band

James Chesebrough, Conductor Rick Anderson, Assistant Conductor

2022 Summer Concert Series

Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon
126 Central Street

- Sunday, May 29 - 2:00 p.m. "Veterans' Tribute"
- Sunday, June 5 - 2:00 p.m. "Beauty"
- Sunday, June 12 - 2:00 p.m. "Opera & Other Stories"
- Saturday, June 18 - 11:00 a.m. "Summer Solstice"
- Sunday, June 26 - 2:00 p.m. "Around the World"
- Sunday, July 3 - 2:00 p.m. "Happy 4th!"

Pre-Concert Refreshments - Free Admission

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Once in a while something appears on social media that says it *just so*. And here we are...

America is a Gun

England is a cup of tea.
 France, a wheel of ripened brie.
 Greece, a short, squat olive tree.
 America is a gun.

Brazil is football on the sand.
 Argentina, Maradona's hand.
 Germany, an oompah band.
 America is a gun.

Holland is a wooden shoe.
 Hungary, a goulash stew.
 Australia, a kangaroo.
 America is a gun.

Japan is a thermal spring.
 Scotland is a highland fling.
 Oh, better to be anything
 than America as a gun.

-Brian Bilston

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Notice of Annual Meeting

All legal members of UUCW are notified to meet in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, June 12, at 4:30 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.” Come to listen and/or 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!

As we are still seeing new COVID cases emerge, attendees are welcome to wear masks. Our sizeable, airy sanctuary allows for plenty of social distancing. We look forward to your input at the Annual Meeting.

Change of Address?

We want to stay in touch! If your contact information changes, please email jill@sackett.com or write to UUCW, P.O. Box 218, Winchendon, MA 01475.

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