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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 4

10:30 am – Annual Meeting,
Church Sanctuary

Thursday, June 8

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves
Tamale Pie, Parish Hall

Saturday, June 17

9:00 am – 2:00 pm – Summer Lawn Fair,
Church Grounds

Thursday, June 22

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

Thursday, June 29

5:30 pm - Our Neighbor's Kitchen serves
Hot Dog Bar & Three Bean Salad,
Parish Hall

Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meeting, Parish Hall

From Your Editor

“Many hands make light work.” This month we are reminded of the significance of just a few hours of volunteer time. Volunteer projects do require some advance planning, prep work, and someone to lead the group. But with all that in place, amazing things happen. UUCW now has a lovely new garden shelter on our north side, thanks to one day of industry. How satisfying to reclaim that spot and contemplate its future uses: outdoor picnics, meditation, and even wedding pictures.

We are so thankful for our volunteers, and we have met and made some wonderful friends in the process. Whether it is UUCW or another organization, please consider carving out some of your precious spare time to make something, fix something, clean something, or help someone. It is deeply satisfying. You may find you are helping yourself as much as you are helping others.

See you at church.

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

Annual Summer Lawn Fair Returns

Right on the heels of our glamorous Central Street makeover with shiny new sidewalks and granite bump-out curbs, UUCW returns on Saturday, June 17 with our annual Summer Solstice Lawn Fair, running from 9 am – 2 pm.

Once again, we are pleased to have a lawn brimming with vendors offering:

Creative Fire (wood-burnt pictures)
Crochet & Hand-Sewn Items
Discount/Surplus Retail
Gi Gi's Jibbitz & Charms (croc décor)
Off the Wall Records (collectible vinyl)
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 Color Street, Perfectly Posh 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.

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon



Saturday, June 17
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

126 Central Street

New and Used Goods
Crafts

Freecycle Table
Food

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

The Clark Memorial YMCA will be running its Summer Solstice Festival concurrently across the street, with a road race, activities on their athletic field, and the long-anticipated return of the Central Street parade. Between their event and ours, there will be plenty to do downtown. Stop on by!

Winchendon Winds Opens 3-Concert Series

UUCW is once again pleased to host Winchendon Winds in our acoustically "live" church sanctuary. "Win Winds," a 40-piece professional-level concert band founded by the late UUCW member Jon Nicholson, is now in its 9th year of operation.

On June 4, Win Winds performs “Around the World” with selections from Great Britain, Ireland, Finland, France, and of course the good old U.S.A. On June 11 they will feature “Concert Band Classics” with an array of pieces that are favorites among the concert band literature. On June 18, their “Jewels” concert will feature different sections of the band with selections especially written for woodwind choir, brass choir, saxophone quartet and others.

Winchendon Winds

Professional Concert Band

James Chesebrough, Conductor Rick Anderson, Assistant Conductor

2023 Summer Concert Series

Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon
126 Central Street

Sunday, June 4 - 2:00 p.m. “Around the World”

Sunday, June 11 - 2:00 p.m. “Concert Band Classics”

Sunday, June 18 - 2:00 p.m. “Jewels”

Pre-Concert Refreshments - Free Admission

Winchendon Community Park
86 Ingleside Road

Saturday, July 1 - 12:00 p.m. “Concert in the Park”

Free Admission

Mass Cultural Council

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Ashby Cultural Council
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Hallowell Cultural Council

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Phillipston Cultural Council
Templeton Cultural Council
Winchendon Cultural Council

RBF
Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation, Inc.

winchendonwinds.org

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Please come listen to this marvelous band in a performance space with marvelous acoustics! Admission is free.

UUCW Online

Main Website: <https://uucw.ncmuuc.org/>

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

Facebook: facebook.com/uuwinchendon

North Gardens Reborn!

Until recently, a stroll behind our Equal Access Entry revealed a scene befitting the castle grounds from “Beauty and the Beast”... an unruly mess of overgrown thorny vines and weeds. By the time church member Joe Sackett yanked out all of the woody stuff, we had precious little vegetation left.



We have long wished to recover what used to be a pleasant, meditative area sheltered from the noise of Central Street. Our wish was granted on Friday, May 19, when over 20 energetic Murdock Middle & High School students from Catherine Ellis’ special ed classes came to the rescue.

The students and their teachers turned over and smoothed soil, and planted a flatbed trailer’s worth of mature perennials donated by Elaine St. Pierre. The new gardens feature ferns, hosta, daylilies, and ornamentals such as fern bleeding heart and columbine. We are thrilled to reclaim this pretty spot and thank our many helping hands.

Notice of Annual Meeting

All legal members of UUCW are notified to meet in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, June 4, at 10:30 am 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. This year, we will discuss the upcoming UUA General Assembly and votes to be taken on Article 2 Bylaws revisions (reference UUCW Newsletter, April 2023).

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!

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