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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 2

11:00 am – Blessing of the Bulbs
Sacred Circle, North Garden

Sundays, June 9, 16, 23 and 30

2:00 pm – Winchendon Winds Band
Concerts, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 13

5:30 pm – Our Neighbor’s Kitchen
serves Spaghetti “Pie”,
Parish Hall

Mondays

7:30 pm - AA Meeting,
Parish Hall

Saturday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 23

11:00 am – Annual Meeting,
Sanctuary

Thursday, June 27

5:30 pm – Our Neighbor’s Kitchen
serves Grilled Ribs,
Parish Hall

From Your Editor

We promised a busy June, and here we are! Whether you are seeking spiritual invigoration, musical entertainment, a delicious “home-cooked” meal, or a festival atmosphere, we have it for you. Attend our Annual Meeting and learn about the inner workings of our church (and how we stretch our budget!).

We love June. The church is full of traffic, happy crowds, and good times...just how we want it. Could this be the community you are seeking? Come find out.

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

Blessing of the Bulbs Sacred Circle

We welcome back Rev. Inanna Arthen for an earth-centered Sacred Circle Meeting at 11:00 am on Sunday, June 2. Join us as we welcome spring, now bursting with growth and change, and celebrate Mother Earth and the creation of new life. We will be blessing gladiola bulbs which everyone can take home—bring your own bulbs or seeds to bless, as well! Weather permitting, we will congregate at the north garden (facing the post office, behind the equal access entry) that we reconstructed last year. For inclement weather, we will move indoors.



Contact Information

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(Clerk)

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June 15 Summer Solstice Lawn Fair

A tradition since 1866 - UUCW returns on Saturday, June 15 with our annual Summer Solstice Lawn Fair, running from 9 am – 2 pm.

We promise a lawn bursting with vendors including:

Blink Crafts (tumblers, resin art)
Creative Country Crafts (wood crafts)
Creative Fire (wood-burnt art)
Crochet & Hand-Sewn Items
Doggo of Distinction (pet accessories)
George's Embroidery & Silk Screening
Hope's Clothing Bazaar
Princess Beach Gems (sea glass jewelry)
Rutka's Birdhouses (wood crafts)
Whimsy Lady Lair (floral art)
...to name just a few.

Vendors will sell popular lines such as Color Street, Pampered Chef, Perfectly Posh and Scentsy. Friends of the Beals Library will sell gently used books and DVDs, the Garden Club will offer their themed basket raffle, and you can hunt for hidden "treasures" on the freecycle table.

Shoppers won't go hungry as they can choose from hot dogs, chips and soda at the UUCW concession booth, or cheeseburgers, sausage and fried dough from Shane's Food Truck.

This event happens rain or shine! In case of a downpour (remember last year's

monsoon?) our vendors will move inside to our Parish Hall.

We have just a handful of spots remaining for last-minute vendors. Details and an application form are listed under “Lawn Fairs” on our website: <https://uucw.ncmuuc.org/>

Our Summer Solstice Lawn Fair, is an important fundraiser for UUCW. This year, all of our proceeds go to our Set in Stone capital campaign as we continue repairs on our beautiful granite building.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon



Saturday, June 15
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

126 Central Street

New and Used Goods Freecycle Table
Crafts Food

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

UUCW Online

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

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

Facebook: facebook.com/uuwinchendon

Winchendon Winds Returns with 4-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 10th year of operation.

Conductor Dr. Lindsay Bronnenkant, of the UMass Amherst music faculty, will make her debut on the podium. Lindsay has programmed a varied and demanding concert lineup sure to please audiences and showcase these fine players.

The ensemble opens Sunday, June 9 with a concert titled “Travels.” They’ll “visit” Norway, France, Armenia, Spain, Russia and US to play melodies associated with those countries. On Sunday, June 16 they perform “Forms” showcasing different styles of music such as an overture, dance, medley and march. In that concert they will feature superb clarinetist Tim Coffey playing Rossini’s technically brilliant *Introduction, Theme and Variations for Clarinet and Band*. The “Crown Jewels” concert on Sunday, June 23 imaginatively assembles tunes related to gems and royalty. Win Winds closes their series on June 30 with “Hidden Figures” in which the *Phantom of the Opera* is one of elusive characters featured.

Concerts are free, thanks to generous grants and donations. Refreshments will be sold on the lawn. Spend a lovely summer afternoon listening to one of the best wind ensembles in the region!

The poster features the title "Winchendon Winds" in a large, stylized blue font with musical notes. Below it, the conductor's name "Lindsay Bronnenkant, Conductor" is listed, along with her affiliation "Faculty, UMass Amherst Department of Music" and the assistant conductor "Rick Anderson, Assistant Conductor". The event is titled "2024 Summer Concert Series" and is held at the "Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central Street". A list of sponsors includes the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Andover Cultural Council, Amesbury Cultural Council, Gardner Cultural Council, Haverhill Cultural Council, Phillippsburg Cultural Council, Southwick Cultural Council, Templeton Cultural Council, and Winchendon Cultural Council. The Mass Cultural Council logo is also present. The concert schedule is as follows: Sunday, June 9 - 2:00 p.m. "Travels"; Sunday, June 16 - 2:00 p.m. "Forms"; Sunday, June 23 - 2:00 p.m. "Crown Jewels"; and Sunday, June 30 - 2:00 p.m. "Hidden Figures". The poster also mentions "Pre-Concert Refreshments - Free Admission" and provides contact information: "Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WinchendonWinds/winchendonwinds.org" and "Contact Us: music@winchendonwinds.org".

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Faculty, UMass Amherst Department of Music
Rick Anderson, Assistant Conductor
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at Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon
126 Central Street

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Notice of Annual Meeting

All legal members of UUCW are notified to meet in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, June 23, at 11:00 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.

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.com. 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!