



FUSN *News*

First Unitarian Society in Newton

Unitarian Universalist

October 19, 2016

SUNDAY SERVICES — 10:15 A.M.

The theme for October is Prayer

- **October 23** – Rev. Mary Margaret Earl
- **October 30** – Wheel of Life

The themes for November are Death/Grief

- **November 6** – Rev. John Nichols
- **November 13** – Music Sunday
- **November 20** – Rev. John Nichols
- **November 27** – Thanksgiving Service

WHEEL OF LIFE SERVICE, OCT. 30

The lay ministers are planning the Wheel of Life service, which will take place on Sunday, **October 30**. This is an annual celebration of our FUSN family with poetry and music.

We will be honoring family births, deaths, weddings, graduations, engagements, and notable life changes (new job, big move, etc). We welcome your contributions for the service. If you or anyone in your family has had a life transition during this past year, please send a note to me by email (jud.leonard@gmail.com) or give me a call (617 969-2623).

We are also again looking for original poetry (to be read by the lay ministers at the service) regarding birth, childhood, growing up, relationships, marriage, separation, life changes/transitions, and death. We invite you to submit poems for consideration in our planning of the service, and please understand that poems may or may not be used, depending on how many we receive and how they fit into the design and themes of the service. Thanks in advance for your submissions.

— *Jud Leonard*

MUSINGS

Time to mark your calendars with some great upcoming musical events:

Chant Workshop Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Free. Brighton Allston Congregational Church. Teri Kowiak will lead a workshop on the basics of performing chant, including historically-informed singing style, the basics of modes and modal tuning, rhythm and rhetoric, regional Latin pronunciation, and tips on how to perform chant as an ensemble. The workshop will also touch on historical and modern notation systems, featuring those used for Gregorian chant and the music of Hildegard von Bingen. The workshop will run approximately two hours.

Music Sunday at FUSN Sunday, November 13 at 10:15 am – 11:30 am

Glimpses of Eternity. Music of war, peace, consolation and joy, featuring excerpts from the Fauré Requiem and music by Daniel Elder, Dale Warland, and Gwyneth Walker, among others.

Newton North High School: November 16 at 7:00 pm – HARVESTFEST I

NNHS Performing Arts Center Jubilee Singers, Tiger Bebop, Jazz Ensemble 1, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble

November 17 at 7:00 pm – HARVESTFEST II

NNHS Performing Arts Center Vocal Ensemble, Concert Choir, Family Singers, Orchestra, String Ensemble

Freude! Bach Jesu, meine Freude and Gjeilo Sunrise Mass **Saturday, November 19** at 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Staff: Erin Splaine, *Minister*, Fran Clancy, *Administrator*, Rowan Van Ness, *Director of Lifespan Religious Education*, Beth Walton, *Assistant Director of Religious Education*, Dani Lindstrom, *Youth Programs Coordinator*, Anne Watson Born, *Director of Music*, Carson Cooman, *Organist*, Roberta Humez, *Minister of Music Emerita*, Ruslan Crosby, *Beadle*.

Board of Trustees: Gregg DiBiasco, Brian Burba, Josie Greene, Eric Haas, Cathy Morocco, *Chair*, Lesley Sneddon, Sarah Fazli and Julianna Lakomski, *Youth Reps*.

Operations Council: Susan Bartlett, *Chair*, John Brennan, Judy Curby, *Treasurer*, Laurel Farnsworth, *Vice Chair*, Andrea Kelley, Kate Mason.

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Nashoba Valley Chorale, Anne Watson Born, Music Director. Littleton High School, 56 King Street, Littleton, MA 01460. www.nashobachorale.org

Eloquence in Brass. **Commonwealth Chorale**, David Carrier, Music Director Saturday, **November 19** at 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Patricia Van Ness, a Commonwealth composer: Nocturnes ; Jongen: Messe en l'honneur du Saint-Sacrement, opus 130; Daniel Pinkham, a Commonwealth composer: Christmas Cantata.

December 16 at 7.30 pm: **Annual Messiah Sing to benefit Project Bread**. All Saints Parish, Brookline. Anne Watson Born, conductor.

THE NEW UU INTRODUCTORY CLASS, OCT. 29

Q and A about Unitarian Universalism and FUSN. We usually hold a class twice a year on our religious tradition and the way it's practiced locally. All are welcome but particularly those who consider themselves new to FUSN. October 29 from 9-12 in the morning. John and Rowan will lead and present but the focus will be on your questions. Refreshments will be provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY BROADCAST

Thank you for tuning into another week of the Youth Ministry Broadcast. This past Sunday, the youth teachers had their first Youth Teacher Bagel Brunch Meeting. It's a time for the youth teachers to come together and discuss what's happening in their classrooms. This week, the youth had a chance to build relationships with one another, discuss their experiences in the classroom, and help find solutions to any concerns youth might have. A huge thank you to Dana and Lisa for leading the meetings with the youth! In youth group, which meets after the service on Sundays, no longer Sunday evenings, we have been working on planning out our year together. This Sunday will be another planning meeting. Please Save the Date for **Coffee House** on **March 4** and the **youth service** on **April 9**.

WHAT IS THE OPERATIONS COUNCIL?

The Operations Council (Ops Council) is responsible for daily operations of the society. Six members oversee six general program areas and committees: Worship, Education, Fellowship, Stewardship, Outreach, Fundamentals/Administration. The FUSN Treasurer is also a member of the Council.

While the Board of Trustees (BOT) addresses the policy, strategic and fiduciary aspects of FUSN, the Operations Council deals with issues like room rental

rates, approving use of rooms, fire drill plans, table space at coffee hour, insurance, buildings and grounds. The spectrum of topics is very concrete! We develop, review and propose the annual budget that the BOT votes on.

Operations Council members are elected by the congregation and serve three-year terms. This year, the members and their liaison areas are:

- Susan Bartlett (Chair): Religious Education
- Laurel Farnsworth (Vice Chair): Fundamentals and Administration
- Judy Curby (Treasurer): Stewardship
- Kate Mason: Worship
- John Brennan: Outreach (Communications)
- Andrea Kelley : Fellowship (Lay Ministers, Chalice Circles, Membership)
- Wendy Schwartz, Clerk.

The Minister and DLRE also attend each meeting. Operations Council meets monthly. Twice a year Operations Council hosts all Committee Chairs to update and share the issues, challenges and priorities each committee is addressing. Saturday, **November 19**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Chapel this year, and then again on **March 18**.

Annually, the Operations Council has a retreat to clarify its own priorities for the year, and specific program roles of each member. This was held on **October 2**.

For a terrific opportunity to get a sense of the full spectrum of FUSN committees and areas you may want to know more about or join in on, whether it's a one-time offer or a longer term effort, you are welcome to come to the **November 19** Committee Chairs meeting, RSVP to Susan Bartlett at Susan_Bartlett@abtassoc.com. All members of the Operations Council are available to talk if you have questions.

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE OUTING, SUNDAY OCT. 23

After coffee hour on Sunday, **October 23**, you are invited to walk through Newton's Flowed Meadow Conservation Area, which offers a surprising diversity of habitats for an area just 20 or acres in size. It's located in Auburndale off of West Pine St. We will see Charles River bird life from a shoreline rich with sweet pepper bush, an upland oak forest that hosts a shallow kettle hole, and marshy areas with cattail and winterberry. A local fern expert has found over 10 species of fern and club moss in this mix of wetland and forest, and we can teach you most of them.

The leaves are changing, the days are becoming apple crisp, bring some apples to snack on and binoculars if

you have them, and stroll the trails with Green Sanctuary naturalists Eric Olson and George Martins. This event is coordinated with the sale of sandwiches by the FUSN choir. Support the choir, and enjoy the intricate web of all existence at Flowed Meadow.

Meet at coffee hour to finalize details for the outing, including forming carpools if desired. DURATION: about 2 hours. Leader phone the day of the event: 617-872-9928.

FUSN FUN NIGHT HALLOWEEN PARTY, OCT. 28

We are once again going to be highlighting the FUN in FUSN with a FUSN Fun Night Halloween Party on **October 28**. Come for a Multigenerational night of fellowship in the Parish Hall. We will gather at 5:30 p.m., to eat and have a good time together until 8:00 p.m., or so. You can come for the whole evening or for whatever time works best for you. We will order pizzas and provide soft drinks. A contribution of \$5 and/or a side dish or dessert to share would be greatly appreciated. There will be games for kids and adults alike. Feel free to bring your favorite game. Make sure to wear your favorite costume. There will be prizes for the best kids and adults costumes. Feel free to bring any games, crafts, musical instruments or plan any other activities you think adults and/or kids would enjoy. We have some folks lined up to help, but we can always use more help to set-up, organize activities and help with clean up. Please RSVP to Pat Rohan at jprohan@verizon.net if you plan on coming so we know how much pizza to order. Also please let Pat know if you plan to bring food to share or to help organize an activity. But don't worry if you decide to come at the last minute. Everyone will be welcome.

TRADER JACKIE'S, NOV. 8

Trader Jackie's will be open for business on Sunday, **November 6** after Sunday service. Come and stock your freezer with delicious dishes from our wonderful FUSN cooks.

Calling all cooks! Please be sure you have containers and labels to freeze your edibles in. If you need these supplies, come to the Holiday Fair table in the Parish Hall after Sunday Service, **October 23 or 30**. Bring your frozen dishes before church on Sunday, **November 6** to the Trader Jackie's table in the Parish Hall. If you need to drop off frozen dishes before then, there is limited space in the FUSN freezer. Questions? Call Jackie Colby, 617-527-2394.

And don't forget to collect your toys and attic treasures to drop off the week of **October 30** for our Saturday fair, **November 5**. No books until after Thanksgiving. Thanks!

NEXT SPEAKERS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

The FUSN Criminal Justice Task Force is hosting the following speakers. All are invited, 7-9PM in the Chapel:

- **Tuesday, October 25:** Dr. Stuart Brassian, specialist on Solitary Confinement
- **Tuesday, November 1:** Rachel Corey, Criminal Justice Policy Coalition, and Nat Harrison on Life Without Parole
- **Tuesday, November 22:** Senator Cynthia Creem, author of bill to abolish Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

A FERRY BEACH THANK UU

A huge Thank UU to all the volunteers who made the FUSN Ferry Beach retreat a huge success this year: Mike Arnott, Bill Duset, Karen Edwards, Judy Friedman, Stu Gladstone, Julia Huston, Stephanie Kendall, Karen Lein, Jen Lerner, Saul Lookner, Christine Lookner, Larry McKinney, Bob McWilliams, Andrew Morse, Maura Morse, Jacki Rohan, Pat Rohan, Mindy Scharlin, Sandra Teare, Norm Thibeault, Rod Thomas, Rowan Van Ness, Brooke Wells, Mary White, Nancy Wrenn, Judy Zacek, and a special thanks to all the kids parents who kept the crafts room clean. My apologies if I missed anyone in this list. *Thanks, Vern Ellis*

LAY MINISTERS

The FUSN lay ministers are available to help members and friends who are experiencing difficulties and could use a listening ear, help with meals in case of illness, and rides to the doctor. If you would like to reach a lay minister, you can call the lay ministers' line (617 340-9299) to reach the one who is on-call for the current month. Or you can contact any of the following:

- Margaret Costello, 617-332-3248, MCostello@partners.org
- Cris Goldsmith, 617-969-1638, crisgoldsmith@gmail.com
- Kathy Hearn, 617-965-0938, kathyhearn@rcn.com
- Shawn Konary, 617-332-2783, konary@comcast.net
- Jud Leonard, 617-969-2623, jud.leonard@gmail.com
- Erin O'Donnell, 303-520-3917, ejnodonnell@gmail.com
- Cindy Orrell, 617-901-6848, cindy_orrell@hotmail.com
- Ann Woodbury, 617-964-7699, ann@sulliwood.org

EVENING SONG, NOV. 6

Join Vermilion once again this coming season for Evening Song services beginning Sunday, **November 6** at 7:00 p.m. Evening Song at FUSN is a half-hour candlelight service of music, poetry, and meditation planned around FUSN's monthly themes. Let the sanctuary welcome you into meditative music, poetry, and silence – even at the end of a full weekend at FUSN – for a bit of quiet music, reflection, and silence to ease into the week ahead, and into our always too busy lives.

NEWCOMER POTLUCK DINNER, NOV. 12

If you are new to FUSN or still feel you are new, you are invited to a potluck dinner at the home of Rachel Viscomi on Saturday, **November 12** at 6:00 p.m. Children are welcome. Come talk with other

newcomers who are interested in Unitarian Universalism and FUSN. There will be time to discuss our congregation's services and activities and to ask questions, as well as time just to get to know one another. Please RSVP to Brenda Roberts, bnroberts@comcast.net to tell us if you can come and what you would like to bring (suggestions: an appetizer, main dish, side dish, salad or dessert that serves 6-8 people). We will provide beverages. We look forward to having this opportunity with you!

REV. JOHN NICHOLS — OFFICE HOURS

John will be in his office on: Sunday, from 9:00-1:00
Tuesday, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, 9:00 – 1:00
p.m. Thursday. 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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