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SUNDAYS 11:00 AM SUMMER SCHEDULE WITH ONE SERVICE ONLY
CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 11:00 AM REVEREND FARRINGTON

**SUNDAY, MAY 27, 11:00 AM INTERGENERATIONAL
TEACHER APPRECIATION SERVICE**

SUNDAY, MAY 27 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3 FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON
TO HONOR FATHER'S DAY
(SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE)**

IN THE INTERIM

GREETINGS

With humility and gratitude I look forward to signing the contract for another year as your Interim Minister.

Special thanks go to MIKE REED and the Committee on Ministry for their excellent work in drafting a new contract and advocating for it before the Board. And special thanks to the Board for the courage to stretch to the recommended compensation level and for the trust their action manifests.

We shall shortly conclude the Appreciative Inquiry process we started a few months back, and from what I've heard I should not be surprised if our greatest strength is not the people/community that we are. I have received many indications that the congregation wishes to grow numerically, and the work that must precede that is moving along well.

So, I'm hopeful we will have another successful and fun-filled year at UUCCC and, if charged to do growth work, that the people/community will be as active and supportive as they have been of other initiatives.

BLESSINGS,

DAVE

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As you may have noticed, we have gone through and weathered a Music Department crisis. LORRIE PIERCE will be returning as our accompanist replacing the talented, but too often absent CAMDEN. He will be missed, but it is a joy to have LORRIE back.

A reminder that there is a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 27, after the 11:00 Service. The Board is having a retreat the day before so we will set the details of the agenda at that time. Minimally, there will be the election of one Trustee at that congregational meeting and, like other Presidents, I would like to give a short State of the Church address.

We are heading into summer and, because of the music challenges, we are going to one service at 11:00 starting Sunday, May 20, until the fall of September 9.

As you may know the attendance of the Contemporary Service has been abysmal lately. There is some question about its survival. MARY GLEASON of the Board of Trustees will be contacting some of the more faithful of the attendees to see if there is interest in breathing life into it. If you feel resuscitative yourself, please contact her.

You may know that long-time members who contributed their time and talents to U2C3 over the years, CHRIS AND CLAIR ONUF, are moving to New Mexico. We wish them well and are grateful for all they have done for our beloved community.

I know many of you may be taking off for summer adventures soon. I wish you a rejuvenating and not to unbearably hot summer.

REVEREND DAVID FARRINGTON and I have been talking about new ideas for the fall, so rest up!

BEST WISHES,

PAT HUDSON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECONNECTIONS: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE-VISIONS:

Religious education is clearly central to the health, growth and vitality of our faith.

— REVEREND DR. TRACEY ROBINSON-HARRIS, from Essex Conversations

THE PAST:

The month of April saw our children, in the company of caring adults, searching for Easter eggs, flying kites in Cole Park, and picnicking in our meadow wearing coronets of spring flowers. Thanks, by the way, to DORA WILBURN for the lovely flower-crowns.

This past Sunday, religious education children baked and served “Muffins for Mom.”

Thanks to LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY for guiding the children in this project.

Also, all moms were treated to a lovely corsage made by DORA WILBURN.

One more thing: on Earth Day, our children decorated an attractive recycle bin for the kitchen!

THE FUTURE:

The big thing to report is that beginning this Sunday, May 20, there will be only one service, at 11 a.m. It's children's chapel day, so kids should try to bring some change for the collection!

The following Sunday, May 27, is teacher appreciation Sunday, which will include a luncheon for all RE teachers following the congregational meeting.

Looking just a little farther into the future, June 3 will be “Sunset Sunday,” honoring the onset of summer and the creativity which it symbolizes. The morning service will be devoted to the poetry that feeds our souls, in which everyone is invited to read a poem, original or otherwise, that holds special significance for them. If you would like to participate, please contact SHERI PHILLABAUM @ 992-8048 OR EMAIL AT, RELLZEY@STX.RR.COM
Further celebration is planned for the afternoon. More info on that forthcoming.

June will begin our summer programming and religious education teachers will take a well-deserved break. Our first volunteer for the summer is SONIA MCLAUGHLIN, who will do Joy-of-Living inspired salsa-dance lessons! Anyone else care to step up?

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING ON MAY 21

The next Women's Group will meet on May 21 at 7:00 pm in the game room of NANCY CARLTON'S CONDO, LOCATED AT 715 S. UPPER BROADWAY. RSVP TO NANCY AT 884-7077. The dinner will be Picnic Style and Nancy asks for everyone to bring a complete picnic meal for one, then everyone will exchange by a drawing. If you are new to the church, this is a good way to get acquainted with other ladies of the church and enjoy fellowship together.

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED

If you would like to provide a dish on June 3, for our FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON, please call to volunteer your culinary delights to LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY AT 857-0122. LET'S GIVE OUR FATHER'S A DAY OF SCRUMPTIOUS DELIGHT, PREPARED BY HIS LOVED ONES.



MAY BIRTHDAY'S

MAY 8	KELLY RUSSELL
MAY 8	JUDY PATE
MAY 18	AUDREY ELLZEY
MAY 18	ROB ALLEN
MAY 22	JUDY SYKES
MAY 24	WILLIAM (BILL) BODRUG
MAY 25	ALEX VAN CLEEVE
MAY 26	SHERRI PHILLABAUM
MAY 28	KATELYN MARTIN
MAY 29	CARRIE CHENEY
MAY 30	LORRIE PIERCE
MAY 31	GEORGE CLOWER



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 1	STEPHANIE AND VICTOR RUIZ
MAY 4	SYLVIA AND JAMES SAMANIEGO
MAY 17	ELLEN AND BOB MURRY
MAY 23	CLAIRE AND CHRIS ONUF
MAY 30	EVELYN AND TOM BOOKOUT

POETRY REFLECTIONS

*How fair doth Nature Appear again!
How bright the sunbeams!
How smiles the plain!*

*The flow'rs are bursting From ev'ry bough,
And thousand voices Each bush yields now.*

*And joy and gladness Fill ev'ry breast!
Oh earth! oh sunlight! Oh rapture blest!*

*Oh love! oh loved one!
- GOETHE, MAY SONG*

FILM EVENT AT TANGO TEA ROOM

For your viewing pleasure, Tango Tea Room, located at 505 S. Water Street, will show three short films, on Tuesday, May 22, beginning at 7:00 pm

McCOMBIE WAY

In this inspiring short film, we meet a woman who wakes up every day with a sense of purpose and belonging. Never mind that she's 80 years old, she's just finished digging her own road, called McCombie Way, that joins her farm to the neighboring town. What will this incredible woman do tomorrow? Directed by NICK HIGGINS 6 minutes, in English

LES DERNIERS JOURS / THE REMAINING DAYS

An old widower finds a time capsule he had placed in the wall of his house years ago, which includes a letter he wrote in his youth listing all of the things he wanted to do before the end of his life. Better late than never, he sets out to accomplish the tasks that will allow him a peaceful and fulfilling passing. This Canadian short is a humorous take on aging, accomplishment and in the end, freedom. Written and Directed by SIMON OLIVIER FECTEAU. 8 minutes, in French with English subtitles

CONTINUUM

This poetic short film from India takes us gently through diverse worlds, creating a continuum of ideas, heart, enlightenment and compassion. This film unfolds beautifully as it follows the energetic path of the larger concept of self and our interconnectedness. In the end, the glory of this world shines forth and the continuum is made clear.

Written and Directed by KHUSHBOO RANKA 39 minutes, in Hindi and English, with English subtitles

SUNSET SUNDAY

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A REPORT ON OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

So far we've received contributions from THE MORT AND RUTH HANDELMAN ESTATE, MARION GHOLSTON AND PETE BRASWELL totaling \$12, 000. In addition the fund which is at the UU General Fund in Boston, has earned about three hundred dollars interest.

MARION GHOLSTON has retired from the Endowment Fund Committee (EFC) leaving SKIP DOUDEN, DEANNE PIERCE AND ED GROVE, nominated to replace MARION. The EFC is planning a information session, in the meantime if you'd like to know more, please contact the committee including ROY ELLZEY, treasurer, who is a non voting member. Informative brochures are available at the Sunday info table in the lobby.

NEW CHURCH SIGN ???

A small group of individuals have been discussing the possibility of building a new sign for our church that could replace the current sign that stands at the corner of Holly and Joplin. At this point, these discussions have been very informal and preliminary.

We would like to invite all others to join in the discussion and perhaps form an ad hoc committee to explore this idea in more detail. If you have an interest in this, please contact KIRK NEWPORT @ 887-7569 OR EMAIL, KNDCCTEX@YAHOO.COM.

SOUNDS OF THE SEA FRONT PAGE PHOTOGRAPH

Our front page of Sounds of the Sea has a new look. The photograph of our church is courtesy of MIKE REED PHOTOGRAPHY. Thank you Mike for your gift of art to our church newsletter.

