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The Unitarian Society, a Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

May 6, 2018, 8:45
Promises, Promises
Rev. Ann Marie Alderman

UU congregations are "covenanting communities" filled with individuals who make explicit and implicit promises to each other. Rev. Ann Marie will remind us about the nature of the promises we make and what it takes to return to our promises.

As part of pulpit exchange among UU congregations in Plainfield, Hunterdon County, and East Brunswick, Rev. Ann Marie Alderman from the Unitarian Society of Plainfield will be preaching. Rev. Karen will be preaching in Hunterdon County.

The Rev. Ann Marie Alderman currently serves the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield. She previously served UU churches in NC, PA and FL. After earning her M.Div at Vanderbilt Divinity School, she diverged from ministry to work as a mechanic, a service advisor at a Mercedes-Benz dealership, a bookstore manager and later returned to her hometown to manage her family's wood flooring business, entering UU ministry 15 years ago.

Guest musician: Daniel Lindblom, Music Director Emeritus

May 13, 2018
TBA
Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Rev. Karen will be preaching and Nick Place will be playing.

May 20, 2018
A Litany of Appreciation, Belonging, & Beautiful Diversity
Rev. Karen G. Johnston

This will be a joyous and FULL service – full of appreciation for all our volunteer Religious Education teachers throughout the whole year; full of blessing on our new members; and full of flowers for our annual FLOWER FESTIVAL. Rev. Karen and Nick will be in the house.

First introduced in Czechoslovakia in 1923, this Unitarian Universalist ritual was originally envisioned as one of "togetherness and hope," and it still is – perhaps this year more than any other. Please bring one (or two) flowers – from your yard, from a florist (long stem are best, but not required) and plan to go home with a flower different from the one you arrived with.

May 27, 2018
The Baba Yaga Saga
Dr. Edward Frost

Baba Yaga? We swear, this is not made up. Baba Yaga is a witch of timeless east European mythology. She is extremely ugly. Ferocious. Terrifying. Lived in a magic hut in the depths of the forest. Yet she has visitors. Most of whom are never seen again. Those who do emerge, however, have been endowed with profound spiritual gifts and wisdom. Unlikely as it may seem, a sermon came forth in the saga of Baba Yaga.

Dr. Edward Frost is the Senior Minister Emeritus of the UU Congregation of Atlanta. Prior to his Atlanta ministry he served in Princeton and New England, from 1976 to 1989. He recently returned to NJ to be near his daughters. He is the author/editor of With Purpose And Principle, and Coming Alive, as well as a winner of the Borden Prize for sermon writing.

Musings from Your Minister:

Pulpit Exchange -- A Kind of Ministers' Musical Chairs?

Pulpit exchange has deep roots in our historical polity as Unitarian Universalists, proscribed in the Cambridge Platform of 1648, the document upon which we base our kind of congregational polity (governance) and ground our understanding of a covenantal, rather than creedal, religion. Yet while the historical connection is there in our polity, and even though there was a robust practice of exchanging pulpits in 19th century New England Unitarian churches, as a current practice we are much less familiar with it.

We are about to change that! At least for three of our congregations here in Central Jersey. On Sunday, May 6, the ministers from Plainfield, East Brunswick, and Hunterdon County will play a kind of musical chairs. While you stay in place, we will move to a different congregation to preach. We aren't taking the day off – we are just preaching at a UU congregation in our wider neighborhood association. Pulpit exchange is one way for us to honor the autonomy of each congregation, while also recognizing that we are in association with one another as well. Did you know that the full name of the UUA is actually the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations?

Pulpit exchange has many benefits:

- keeps limber both minister and congregation in their engagement in the act of congregational worship;
- it encourages creative synergy and borrowing ideas for congregational life from each other;
- provides the opportunity to make intentional the act of hospitality, approaching it as the spiritual ministry it can, could, and should be;
- connects congregations to each other by creating a shared simultaneous experience; and
- cultivates a possible wider sense of identity and belonging.

Other benefits include, when a minister departs (moving onto another congregation; retiring altogether), the congregation will have already experienced little leavings. When a minister is on temporary leave, there already is familiarity with a local minister who may be providing emergency pastoral care. There is the beginning path for sharing resources among congregations beyond the pulpit.

It's fair to acknowledge that there are possible drawbacks.

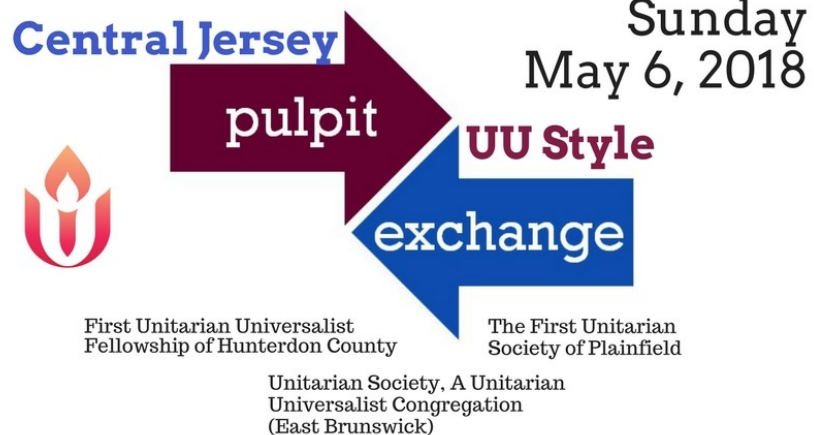
While the congregation will experience that their settled minister is away, it can feel to them like it is the minister's day off; however, in fact, the minister is still working, just elsewhere.

It can be vulnerable to expose oneself to comparison — what if one congregation likes the guest minister's preaching better? What if one minister likes better some aspect of the other congregation?

I am looking forward to strengthening the connections between these small mid-size congregations in Central Jersey. I hope you are, too.

I am blessed to be on this journey with you,

Rev. Karen





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



FROM YOUR DRE, JILLIAN POST

Recognizing the Completion of OWL

Two TUS youth are about to successfully complete the 7th-9th OWL program. Rose Pavley and Theo Higgins Griffith have participated since last fall, nary missing a Sunday of classes. We recognize this important achievement for our youth. The Religious Education program also wants to abundantly thank Dan Strombom for being one of the trained OWL facilitators this year. The collaboration between First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills, and TUS made it possible to have rich dialogue and high quality sexual education for 14 kids this year. We also thank and recognize all the facilitators and DREs from each congregation. With their dedication, this collaboration continues to be successful.



Successes of the Harry and UU Class

This year our 3rd through 6th graders utilized a social action curriculum called Harry and UU. They lead a book drive/hot chocolate sale that netted 4 boxes of books to donate and \$52.00 that they have decided to donate to Interfaith Rise. The current project that will wrap up about the time this newsletter comes out involves collecting items for area animal shelters. It also allowed the youth to participate in worship with a skit about their project. Finally, we are trying to make a field trip happen, whereby the kids will deliver the donated items to shelters and possibly take a brief tour. It's been a fun year and these kids, the eldest in our structured RE program, have worked very hard. Thank you TUS congregants for all your help - what a blessed community we have here at TUS!!

"Conversations with Your DRE"

I've had some wonderful conversations with TUS families this year. These conversations connected nicely with the topics discussed at our RE Town Hall on March 25th. That event was so meaningful to me and I hope for the attendees as well. We had some informative dialogue about ongoing changes in the religious education landscape and a nice meal together. As we head toward summer vacations, I will be wrapping up these scheduled conversations at the end of May, although any time you want to chat, I am happy to make myself available.



Congregational Picnic – Save the Date – June 17th

Much planning lies ahead but the RE team will be hosting a congregational picnic on Sunday, June 17th directly after services. Last year, we had some salads and sandwiches, drinks and desserts and we plan to do the same. We will also be opening this time up to discuss next year's RE teaching teams. If you have questions about what teaching in the RE program at TUS involves, that would be a perfect time to have an informal chat me or one of our RE Committee Members. It's a fun way to kick off the summer and soak up some sun. After this winter, we need it!!!

Summer RE Plans

Once again this year, the Religious Education program will take a break during summer. We plan to continue to offer childcare, utilizing some of the team that was trained in the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) last fall. There is much planning and organization that can happen for a DRE in the summer plus I will be traveling to Nebraska to visit with my family. It is also a time when I can participate in professional development opportunities. I will be away from TUS from June 19 to 29th.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 20, 12:00 pm

As per our bylaws, at our Annual Meeting on May 20, right after the Sunday service, members of The Unitarian Society will vote on the following slate of candidates for the following elected positions. While only members vote, all who love this congregation and care for its future, are welcome to attend. More information about the full agenda of the meeting will be coming soon. The slate below has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Questions? Please reach out to the Chair of the Leadership Development Committee, Marlene Mulroney, at marlenemulroney@aol.com

To our RE families: There will be childcare available during the Congregational Meeting on May 20.

The Unitarian Society

Presentation of Slate by the Leadership Development Committee:

Board of Trustees

Officer and Trustee Slate for 2018-19

President – Rich Phelan

Vice President - Kathy Scarbrough

Secretary – Barbara Kubey

Treasurer - Bob Munson

Trustee - Doug Liebau

Trustee - Clif Ashcraft

Trustee - Rich Corridore

Trustee – Vacant

Youth Rep. – Vacant

Montessori School Representative-Marty
Mussman

Endowment Committee

Term 2018-20

Carol Church

UMSB 2018-19

Chair: Marty Mussman

(TUS Member, former UMS parent)

Vice-Chair: Kathy Huston (TUS Friend)

Paula Lieb (TUS Member)

Joy Ward (TUS Member)

Joyce Browning (TUS Member)

Rose Vydelingum (TUS Member)

Himanshu Pandit (former UMS parent)

Bond of Union Task Force Report

The task force consisting of Angela Pineiro, Jackie Held-Rubin, Lynn Fryer and Clif Ashcraft was created at the last congregational meeting and charged with the following tasks:

Create a non-binary, gender neutral version by changing the pronouns. This was to be approved by the congregation at the next meeting.

Consider further changes in the Bond of Union to be presented to the congregation at a later meeting.

We have addressed our first assignment by the simple expedient of changing the “his or her” binary gender language to “their”. The singular “their” possessive pronoun is in common usage and is being accepted by English grammarians as proper English, although it is still frowned upon by the grammatically conservative. It seemed to be preferable to selecting one of the many non-binary pronouns that have been proposed, none of which have received general acceptance in the population. Here is the proposed change, to be accepted or rejected by the congregation in the meeting after the service on May 20:

“In the spirit of community and service, we unite in the quest for those values that give our lives deeper meaning and spiritual satisfaction, reserving to each individual the right to their own beliefs as to the nature of God and the universe.”

We have not completed our second task and will be reporting proposed changes in the language of the Bond of Union at a later date. An example of the kind of change we are considering will be posted in the lobby for your consideration this Sunday.

Meeting Safety Needs at TUS What We Have Already Done

April 2018

- East Brunswick police have a layout of the inside of our building
- Trained congregation on the use of the AED/defibrillator, May 2017
- Held an unplanned fire drill in December 2017
- Updated evacuation plan & posted in throughout the building
- Posted instructions on use of fire extinguishers
- Implemented new lockbox code protocol
- Informed the congregation & asked for help through the newsletter
- All our youth child care providers (YEP) are certified in First Aid training
- Acquired new first aid kits for the RE program and the larger congregation
- Have met with security consultants & requested proposals
- Moved the Minister & Worship Associate so they face the entrance
- Consistently do criminal background checks on regular RE volunteers
- Ensure there are always 2 teachers with children & youth
- Have regular RE volunteers sign an ethics covenant
- Lay Leader, Minister, and Director of Religious Education have participated in a wide variety of safety trainings & conversations and are reviewing materials to bring forward to the congregation

Meeting Safety Needs at TUS There's More to Do

Add your voice &
your helping hands

TUS Safety Task Force

as we grow our knowledge & strategies
to respond to dangers we might encounter
on Sunday mornings

next meeting
Wednesday, May 16 7pm
Minister's Office

TUS has been certified as a Sanctuary Supporting Congregation. Here is a letter of the events and actions that members of TUS have taken to gain this recognition from UU Faith Action NJ.

Reverend Rob Gregson, Executive Director, UU Faith Action
Ted Fetter, Chair, Immigration Reform Task Force, UU Faith Action
4 Waldron Avenue, Summit NJ 07901

Dear Reverend Gregson and Ted,

We, The Board of Trustees of The Unitarian Society, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation resolve to be a participating congregation in the UU Faith Action Sanctuary Challenge. We understand that this challenge is aimed at getting 100% of UU congregations in NJ to commit to the important work of standing in solidarity with immigrant communities and we fully endorse this effort.

Here are a few of the ways members of our congregation are involved efforts to support the immigrant community:

Our Board voted to become active members of Interfaith RISE, a large coalition of religious and community groups that is an approved U.S. Refugee Resettlement agency. One of our members attends meetings regularly representing TUS.

Members of our congregation are active participants in a rapid response team called DIRE and we as a congregation have supported DIRE financially. At this time one member of our congregation does a weekly shift of "court monitoring" at the North Brunswick municipal court, the place of past ICE activity.

Recently a member of our congregation secured a full scholarship to Rutgers for an Afghan refugee and has raised funds for books and fees as well.

Last October our minister preached about giving refuge and after the service, a planned informal polling among congregants indicated that The Unitarian Society would actively support Sanctuary Congregations in our area. Very shortly thereafter the Sanctuary church closest to us geographically (the Reformed Church of Highland Park) did welcome some immigrants into Sanctuary. Members of TUS performed Sanctuary Sentry duty and help recruit others for Sentry duty as well.

Last September TUS hosted the group Migrant Justice for a potluck dinner and talks about their organizing among dairy farmworkers in VT. We felt this was particularly successful in that besides educating members of our own congregation, this event attracted a number of members of New Labor, a local labor organization that works to improve conditions for low paid immigrant workers. We are pleased to become known as allies to New Labor.

In the spring of 2017 we presented a Sunday Service on Dreamers with a talk by an undocumented student who educated us regarding the way in which she discovered her status, the roadblocks she faces in continuing her education and contributing to U.S. society.

In the spring of 2017 Middlesex County adopted a policy to become Fair and Welcoming by refusing 287g agreements and writing explicit policy limiting the information that local law enforcement will pass along to ICE. Members of TUS were active in the local coalitions that initiated and brought this policy to fruition by meeting with County Freeholders and attending/speaking out at Freeholder meetings.

Sincerely, on behalf of the whole board,

Linda Jay, President

*"ICE" is Immigration and Customs Enforcement

**287g is the name of the contract that ICE tries to get counties all over the country to sign. It deputizes county law enforcement to act as federal ICE agents.

(See Page 7 for photos from the ceremony where this was awarded.)



TUS
Hosting

UU FaithAction NJ
Annual Plenary
April 21, 2018



TUS receiving certification as a sanctuary-supporting congregation

The Unitarian Society

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

has taken and continues to take appropriate action to provide

SANCTUARY / SUPPORTING SANCTUARY

and other fair and welcoming support to our immigrant and undocumented neighbors, members and friends in the face of prejudice and harassment on the part of individuals or the state.

We take this stand grounded in the Unitarian Universalist principle that every human being possesses inherent worth and dignity and the conviction that compassionate action defines true religious community.

The State Sanctuary Challenge is a UU FaithAction NJ Initiative

On April 23, Peter Kahn was awarded by Rutgers University a Clement A. Price Humanitarian Award for his work on the Bosnian Student Project, which is administered by our congregation.



Four of the 17 students helped by this project attended the award ceremony, some of whom might be familiar to you and some of whom we might see in the fall.

The Bosnian Student Project, dormant for awhile, is finding new life. Stay tuned for more information to come...

Upcoming Services

Sunday, June 3 10:30
Unitarian Society
176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick



pack up your beloved creaturely friends
 & bring them by for our

Animal Blessing Service

we'll be blessing live animals*,
 photos of deceased animals,
 even stuffed toy animals

* please be prepared to clean up after your beloveds

Animal Blessing Service Planned: We Could Use Your Help

Rev. Karen and the Sunday Services Committee have scheduled the Sunday service on June 3 to be an Animal Blessing service. We will be blessing real animals both live (in person) and deceased (via photograph), not to mention beloved toy stuffed animals. The logistics of this service are challenging and will require creativity, plus a few more human helpers than usual. **WILL YOU BE ONE OF OUR HUMAN HELPERS?** If so, please let Rev. Karen know.

revkarentus@gmail.com

PROMISES, PROMISES
 SUNDAY MAY 6 2018 10:30
 REV. ANN MARIE ALDERMAN

THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY
 176 TICES LANE, EAST BRUNSWICK

sunday, May 20 10:30

Flower Festival **JOY JOY JOY**

New Member Sunday
Teacher Appreciation
OWL Recognition

The Unitarian Society, 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick



The Unitarian Society
 176 Tices Lane,
 East Brunswick

The Baba Yaga Saga

Sunday, May 27
 10:30

Rev. Dr. Edward Frost

New Member Sunday May 20

Joy! Joy! Joy!

We look forward to celebrating and recognizing those folks who have cast their lot with TUS and have become official members.

We love all folks who feel that they belong here: Visitor, Friend, or Member. Yet we offer special recognition to those who decide to intentionally commit to this place and this people.

As part of our regular Sunday service, we will have a special ritual to recognize and officially welcome these folks. If you are a new member since last June, please be sure to save this date. If you are a long-time member, please be sure to attend so that you can be part of the welcoming party.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

6/3 Animal Blessing Service
6/17 End of Year Picnic Party

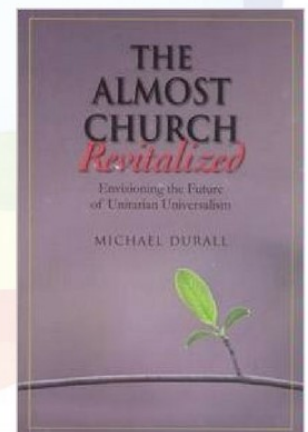
SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT FOR LEADERS B.Y.O.DINNER & DISCUSSION FIRST TUESDAYS 6:30-8:00

next: May 1

REV. KAREN'S OFFICE

WE COMMIT TO READ AHEAD OF
TIME, HIGHLIGHT, GATHER &
REFLECT

**MAY IS CHAPTER 6:
MAKING THE
ANNUAL PLEDGE
DRIVE OBSOLETE**



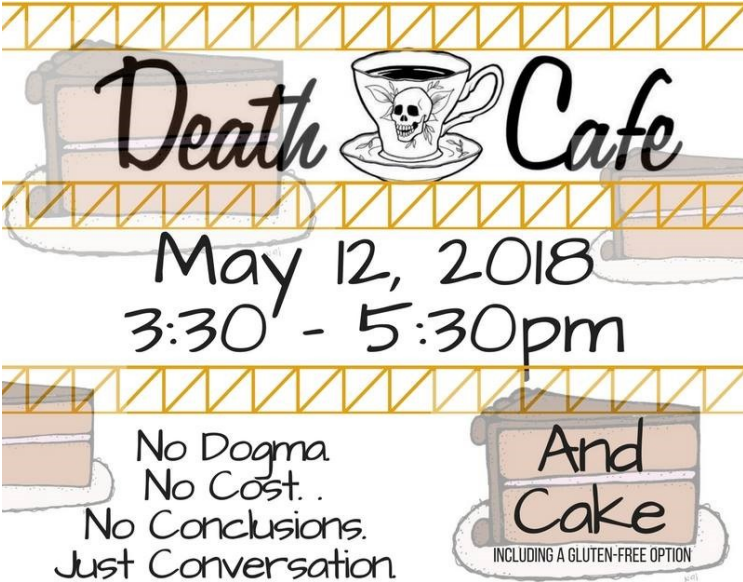
Death Café

Spend your Saturday afternoon with coffee, cake & conversation in small groups exploring our inevitable mortality and the topic of death. (Gluten-free option will be available) No dogma. No answers. No conclusions. But space for questions, queries, and speculation. The Unitarian Society is pleased to sponsor this event. It is open to all regardless of religious affiliation or non-affiliation.

We cannot provide support for people dealing with recent loss or terminal illness but referrals can be provided.

We are explicitly welcoming of all people regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

This will be our last one unless someone steps forward to coordinate.



Death Café

May 12, 2018
3:30 - 5:30pm

No Dogma.
No Cost.
No Conclusions.
Just Conversation.

And Cake
INCLUDING A GLUTEN-FREE OPTION

ALL WELCOME

UNITARIAN SOCIETY 176 TICES LANE EAST BRUNSWICK



**LOST SOULS
PUBLIC MEMORIAL
PROJECT**

RE-MEMBERING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY
LOST TO A CORRUPT JUDGE & SLAVERY IN THE DEEP SOUTH 1818

**EAST BRUNSWICK // MIDDLESEX COUNTY
NEW JERSEY**

<https://lostsoulspublicmemorialproject.weebly.com/>

Project Planning Meeting - Lost Souls Public Memorial Project
Wednesday, May 9, 7-9pm

We continue our efforts to build a public memorial to the nearly 100 souls lost to permanent slavery at the hands of a corrupt Middlesex County judge in 1818. We will be talking about how to go forward with the design of the memorial, as well as making action plans for increasing community visibility for the project. All are welcome who want to see this project to fruition.

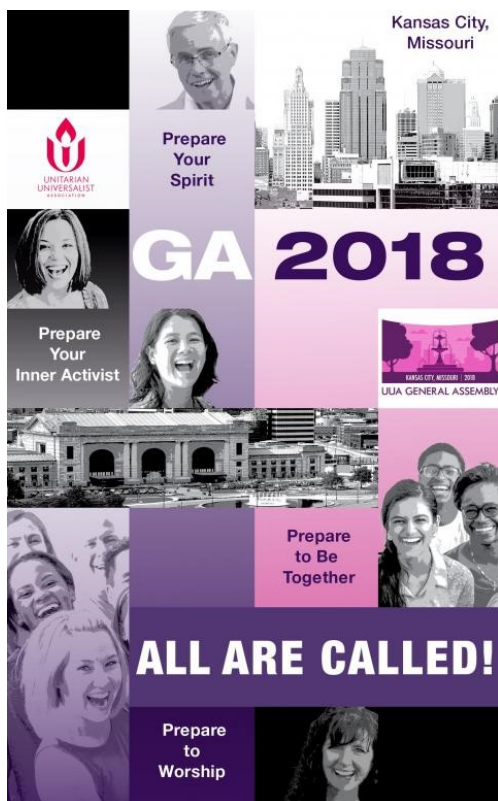
Facebook event here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/228140024431338/>

For All That Is Our Life Canvass Challenge Matching Funds

A generous group of TUSians has created a pool of funds to match anyone who increases their pledge by May 6. The pool is \$1640, which you can be a part of turning into \$3280 by growing your pledge for the 2018-19 year.

Please contact Bob Haug, chair of the Canvass Team by 5/6 with news of your pledge increase. dymaxyon@aol.com



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UUA General Assembly

June 20-24, 2018

Kansas City, Missouri

Register here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>



The Unitarian Montessori School will host a Nutrition Presentation by Jen Shukaitis, a Rutgers Teacher, on May 1st at 7 pm.
All are invited.

Jennifer Shukaitis is an assistant professor and educator at the Department of Family and Community Health Sciences at Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Mom of one of our students, Anele. She will be presenting a parent workshop on added sugars: what, where, how much? Americans especially young children, are eating more sugar than ever before. Come and learn why this is occurring, how excess sugar affects our health, how to find hidden sugars in common foods and strategies for how to reduce sugar in your diet and your children's too.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this informative workshop!



Rev. Karen has some comp tickets for the upcoming Philomusica Concert Choir programs, so if you would like tickets, please speak to her. The program is entitled "American Songs", and celebrates American composers. It will be presented twice, on **Saturday, May 19 at 8:00 PM** and **Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 PM**, at Our Lady of Peace Church in North Brunswick. The tickets are good for either concert.

TUS Grounds Clean Up Party

**Saturday
May 19
9:30 -12:30**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

**LET'S
MAKE
THIS
PLACE
LOOK
SPIFFY
AGAIN**



LET'S MAKE THIS PLACE LOOK SPIFFY AGAIN!

It's time for some spring cleaning -- the outdoor kind. Our beautiful grounds need a little bit of human help to look even more beautiful after the winter left its mark. We need to rake leaves, pick up trash, cut back some bushes -- SPIFF THE PLACE UP! All ages welcome. We'll have some tools but if you brought yours, that would be a big help. Be sure to bring water to keep hydrated. A great way to get to know others and to be of service.

Sign Volunteer

Seeking volunteer to help make visually appealing signs and announcements for TUS. Rev. Karen makes alot of our graphically cool announcements, but it's not really a good use of a minister's time. She does it with a really simple online (free) program called Canva and sources of copyright-free images. No experience necessary but you do need to enjoy working with visual images. She's willing to teach you if you are willing to begin making some signs and posters for us as we need them. Please email Rev. Karen if you think this is you (revkarentus@gmail.com)

Volunteers Needed!

End of the year recitals are coming! And that means TUS will be having more building rentals very soon!
Can you be a volunteer 'sexton' to let renters into the building and lock up after them? This role is a great way to volunteer for your congregation and building!

Please add your name to the pool of volunteers by emailing or calling Megan, the Office Administrator:
uutus@comcast.net, 732-246-3113.
Thank you!!





TREASURER'S TIDBITS

Bob Munson

You May Have Wondered: What software does TUS use for Finances? For a long time, we've used Quicken on the second office computer. We're now making the move to QuickBooks Online, enabling the Treasurer to work more from home (Hooray!). Treasurer Bob Munson has made an initial conversion of Quicken data to QuickBooks and, after an initial shakedown and training, will make the final "go live" transition.

Cash In Basket for May

May 6 - UU Faith Action NJ
<https://uufaithaction.org/>

May 13 - Honor Your Mamas
https://www.honoryourmamas.org/about_us

May 20 & 27- The Poor People's Campaign
<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>



Scrip

Grocery store card (aka "scrip") purchases by credit/debit card (Visa, MC, Discover or AmEx) are now available. We offer \$50 and \$100 cards for Stop and Shop and Shop-Rite. Of course cash and checks are still accepted (and preferred, since we don't share the 5% profit with credit/debit card companies). See Lynne, Judy, or Harriet in the lobby before or after the service to purchase cards —and remember, they make great gifts!



Hospitality Corner



1) The shelves and cabinets in the TUS kitchen will be cleaned out on Sunday 5/6/17 after the service. If you have any personal items in the kitchen, please be sure to remove them prior to that date. Some items will be thrown away and where possible others will be taken to a local flea market for sale and the proceeds will be donated back to TUS. The plastic trays and bowls are available for anyone to take home. Contact Marlene Mulroney or Joyce Browning for details.

2) Beginning on Sunday May 27th and continuing until our Ingathering Service in September, the Hospitality team will provide cold beverages and either fruit or other easy food items (like cookies or home baked items). We invite anyone interested in baking over the summer to contact Marlene Mulroney or Coleen Tyler in advance and thank you for your generosity.

TUS now has a YouTube Channel



Did you miss last week's sermon? Not to worry; you can now watch the sermon on our very own YouTube Channel. Go to the website (www.unitariansociety.org) and click on YouTube Channel on the top menu.

Most sermons will be posted here along with videos from other TUS activities. Check back often!

TUS Office Hours for 2018 are:
Monday—Friday, 10am-4:30pm

Meet with Rev. Karen
If you'd like to meet up with Rev. Karen, you can make an appointment with her.
Find a time here: <https://calendly.com/revkarentus>

TUS Happenings



Buddhist Meditation Group

We will meet on: **Sunday, May 27, and Sunday, June 24**, when we will discuss vipassana meditation.

Rev Allen Wells will join us for each of these meetings, which begin at 12:15 pm. All meetings will take place in the sanctuary and all adults are welcome to join us.



Art Exploration Group

Meeting Wednesdays
May 2, 9, 23, 30, at 7PM.
All are welcome. No experience necessary, just interest.

Socrates Café®



Come and join our exploration of life's most profound and universal questions. More than just a conversation, we use Socrates' questioning approach to explore and challenge our assumptions, broaden our understanding, and consider different viewpoints relating to an infinite number of philosophical questions. It's a great time for mental stimulation and fellowship. A rare chance to exercise your mind and challenge your thinking – just for the fun of it.

Socrates Café® takes place the second Sunday of every month.

Next Meeting: **Sunday, May 8**
Bagels & Coffee at 8:30 AM

Discussion Starts at 9:00AM - Ends at 10:00AM

Questions: Contact Doug at:
doughiebau@gmail.com

We Hope To See You There!



Souper Sunday

Souper Sunday raised \$96 in April. We will start up again in October. Thank you to everyone who made this Soup fundraiser a success throughout the year!



Shakespeare Reading Group

The Shakespeare Reading Group will meet **Tuesdays, May 8 and 22** at 7:30 PM at The Unitarian Society. The play is TBA. Please contact Harriet Lindblom (732-845-3395 or Dhindblom@aol.com) for more info, or if attending for the first time.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Women's Group

Thursday, May 24th, 1 - 3PM

Room 4

Subject TBA.

Contact Joyce Browning for more info.

May 20 9-9:30 am

Memory Circle to Honor the Life of Nick Taubenslag's Grandfather, Elliot.

—for TUS folks only—

—if you knew “Mr. T” you are welcome to attend—

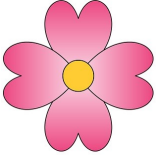


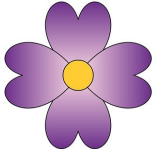
TUS CALENDAR

For The Fridge



MAY



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | 1 6:30 pm Spiritual Nourishment For Leaders | 2 7pm Art Experience Lab 7:30 pm Sunday Service Committee | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service 12:00 pm Membership Committee | 7 | 8 7:00 pm UMS Board 7:00 pm LDC Meeting 7:30 pm Shakespeare Reading Group | 9 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab 7:00 pm Lost Souls Public Memorial Project | 10 4:30 pm Elijah's Promise 7:00 pm FaithAction | 11 | 12 3:30 pm Death Cafe |
| 13 8:30 am Socrates Cafe 10:30 am Sunday Service  Mother's Day | 14 | 15 7:30 pm TUS Board Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 11:00 am Braving the Wilderness | 19 9:30 am-12:30 pm Grounds Clean-up Party |
| 20 10:30 am Sunday Service 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting | 21 7:30 pm Philomusica | 22 7:30 pm Shakespeare Reading Group | 23 7:00 pm COM 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab Newsletter Due | 24 1:00 pm Women's Group | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10:30 am Sunday Service 12:15 pm Buddhist Meditation Group | 28  Memorial Day | 29 | 30 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab | 31 | |  |

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NEWSLETTER FACTS: The deadline for the June 2018 newsletter is **Wednesday, May 23rd.**

Leave a submission in the newsletter box in the TUS office or send by email to uutus@comcast.net.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements are sent out on Wednesday afternoon. Please submit your information to uutus@comcast.net no later than 10:00 am Tuesday.

UU WORLD MAGAZINE: If any TUS member is not receiving their free copy of UU World, or if you have a change of address, please contact Office Administrator, Megan, at uutus@comcast.net.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEKLY: The list is now sent on Friday. Please send suggested events or meetings to sj.ueastbrunswick@gmail.com no later than Wednesday evening.

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Mondays are Rev. Karen's day of rest and
Thursdays are her day for writing
sermons/focusing on worship. She limits
responses to email and phone calls on
these days and does not attend TUS
meetings. If you would like to see her, it is
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Please go to this link to make an
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