The Two Measures of Success for Channing’s Pledge Campaign

The Stewardship Team measures success in two ways. The obvious one is the amount of money raised through pledges. The other, of equal importance, is the percentage of participation in the pledge process. The first supports our programs and staff. The second demonstrates the importance of the role Channing plays in people’s lives.

By both measures we are doing well…..but we could be doing even better! It is clear going into the month of April that many Channing members and friends have responded generously. It has been especially gratifying to see that more than half have increased their pledges over last year. That tells us that Channing is doing something right, that people are feeling good about being a part of this very special community.

We are now in the home stretch. The pledge process needs to be wrapped up by April 15th. Let’s finish with a flurry of additional pledges! Making a pledge……whether large or small based on your financial situation…….adds to our communal success by both measures. If Channing is important to you, then isn’t being a financial supporter of Channing important to you, too?

We are very grateful to all who have pledged, and we look forward to hearing from more of you. It’s not too late! Contact Julie Herrick, or the church office (401-846-0643 or office@channingchurch.org) Thank you!

~Julie Herrick, for Your Stewardship Team

April Worship Services

Sunday, April 2
When Jesus Became the Christ
Rev. Bill Zelazny

In the early centuries of the Christian church there were multiple views about who Jesus was. The official doctrine being God and the second person of the Trinity was established settled in the mid-4th century – mostly -- but not without violence and court intrigues that could rival Game of Thrones. As we move toward Easter that celebrates the risen Christ in the Christian tradition, Bill will look at this episode in western religious history.

Sunday, April 9
Passover: Ancient Festival, Modern Meaning
Guest Speaker: Len Katzman

The Passover holiday recounts the biblical story of the liberation of the Jews from slavery in Egypt and the exodus journey to a new land. In this service we explore how modern American Jewish families celebrate the holiday, seeking to understand the deeper meaning of the story and its relevance to contemporary life.

Len Katzman is a long-time member of the Newport Havurah, a Reform Jewish congregation. Len often leads worship services of the Havurah for Sabbath and the Jewish High Holidays, and serves on its Board of Directors. He lives in Portsmouth with his wife Jhodi Redlich.

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Sunday, April 16
Our Eastertide Story
Rev. Bill Zelazny
While Unitarian Universalists may not observe Easter for the same reason as do orthodox Christians, there is still a message in this day for us. Life parallels the Eastertide story with rejections, struggles and renewal. Join Bill in celebrating Easter by reflecting on the parallels. We will also do a lot of joyful singing and maybe even a few surprises during the service.

Sunday, April 23
Blessed Is the Earth - Baha’i Perspectives
Guest Speaker: Christine Muller
In recognition of Earth Day, Christine will talk about how we can tackle the urgent problem of climate change. She will point out how all religions can offer a spiritual foundation to environmental issues. She will introduce the Baha’i Faith and present some of the Baha’i teachings that are specifically helpful to address the climate crisis.

Christine Muller studied piano at the Conservatory in Basel, Switzerland, and has been a lifelong student of the Baha’i Faith and of the environment. She wrote Scientific and Spiritual Dimensions of Climate Change, an interfaith study course, available online at the International Environment Forum. She serves as a faculty member for the online Wilmette Institute Courses on Climate Change and Sustainable Development and as board secretary of RI Interfaith Power&Light.

Sunday, April 30
Refugees and Suspect Terrains: A Rhode Island Story
Professor Robert M. Thorson
A "suspect terrain" is a piece of the earth's crust that geologists suspect as having come from somewhere else. By definition, it's out of place. Rhode Island is a mélange of terrains welded together and then jostled around. Why does this matter?

Because a "suspect terrain" is a delicious metaphor for a "suspect" group of refugees. Every arriving group in the United States --from the first ice-age indigenous peoples to 21st century Syrians-- is from somewhere else. The same is true for every sliver and block of our crust. Without suspect terrains and boatloads of immigrants we would have no land and no country at all.

Professor Robert M. Thorson is a long-time member of Channing Church, and a much-admired guest speaker at our Sunday services. "Thor" is a geologist specializing in archeological and cultural geology in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. His latest book is "The Boatman: Henry David Thoreau's River Years," published by Harvard University Press.

FROM THE MINISTER
The air at Channing is full of ideas about how to grow our church. That was evident on February 18 when about 25 congregation members and friends gathered in the Parish Hall for a morning of conversation and idea generation about ways we can grow Channing.

Congregations can have four types of growth:

Maturational – enhancing existing and creating new ways to support development and maturity of members’ faith, deepening spiritual roots and broadening religious imagination;

Organic – building and maintaining the community and fashioning organizational structures that meet current needs;

Incarnational – developing ways to take the congregation’s principles and values out into the community;

Numeric – more people

Over 70 ideas were generated on things we could do to make the church more exciting, be better at welcoming and assimilating new members, connecting with Gen-Xers and Millennial, engaging in outreach to local colleges and the military, expand family programming, and partner with other Newport organizations to become better known in the community. These are a just a few of the ideas:

- Establish either pre- or post-Sunday service discussions on specific topics
- Create alternative worship services at Channing or at other locations
- Gather for services in other venues or at different times

Religious Education Classes are offered most Sundays, and children and youth are always welcome to attend our services! Childcare for children 4 and younger is offered in our Parish Hall. See the RE Page 4 for more info.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From the Minister continued

- Partner with community organizations that share our values to promote Channing
- Provide theological/spiritual exploration classes that are open to the community
- Provide workshops about parenting and opportunities for families to meet and do activities together or have UU children playtime gatherings
- Provide rides to Channing for students or military personnel at the base
- Expand programming and/or classes specifically for senior adults
- Expand the kind of music at Sunday services including contemporary, jazz, drumming
- Expand our social media outreach

So many good ideas! Now we just have to set out to put them in place. Do any of these ideas excite you? I would enjoy working with members of Channing who would like to grow our congregation. Come, talk with me about these idea or others that you have and on which you would like to work.

~Rev. Bill Zelazny

APRIL GREETERS
April 2: Mary Benson
April 9: Calvin Pierce
April 16: Susan Booth
April 23: Mary Benson
April 30: Susan VanDerhoof

APRIL CHIMERS
April 2: Cynthia Skelton
April 9: Janna Pederson
April 16: Jim Freess
April 23: Linda Beall
April 30: Christine Ariel

Count Me In - Again Fundraiser 2017

Save the Date: the evening of Saturday, May 6th, 2017, in the Parish Hall

I trust you have seen the email notices announcing this year’s fundraiser plans and are inspired to join in. Last year’s “Count Me In” fundraiser successfully raised almost $6,000 for Channing. A wonderful extra benefit was the fellowship shared in the many fun events we enjoyed through the spring and summer.

As the current church year has progressed and we find we are without a traditional auction committee I have volunteered to do the online organization as before, and once again need your help keeping it simple. Please think of events or services you can offer and email Christine Laudon or speak with her soon.

The event schedule can extend from spring into the summer and fall, but we would like to be able to construct the list and distribute it in early April if possible. We can always add to the list as new donors come up with ideas so updates will be made weekly in April. For details check the notices that will be arriving in your email inbox and Order of Service regularly.

Because of some member requests to donate items, this year we will also have a silent auction. Exactly how this process will work hasn’t yet been defined, but we will be emailing information about details in coming weeks. To keep it uncomplicated, we will ask that you bring donations on Saturday, May 6th and be ready to retrieve and remove any unsold items.

If you have an idea for a raffle that can be included in this fundraiser please let me know. Tickets can be sold during the month of April with the winning ticket drawn at the final party.

Let’s all join in to have fun doing this fundraiser together, again!

~Chris Laudon

Co-president, Board of Trustees

Spring Spruce Up!

Sunday, April 23rd
beginning at 11:30 AM
- Meet outside the Parish Hall

Please stay on after Fellowship and lend a bit of your spirit and energy to assist members of the Property Committee as we spruce up the grounds for Spring.

We’ll be rejuvenating our playground with fun new structures and cool rubber mulch, and defining a handsome parking space for our minister on the east side of Channing House.

If an inside project is more your style, you can help sort and clear out our old Channing House Youth Room to get it ready for a new purpose.

Many hands truly do make light work. There will be some well deserved pizza and refreshments once we’re through. Please, join us!!

Any questions or suggestions? Please contact Abby Adams at property@channingchurch.org
Religious Education News

Religious Education class, for students of all ages, is held in the Parish Hall on Sundays. We leave the Sanctuary just after the Message for All Ages.

The students are learning about our 7 UU Principles through a story collection entitled “What If Nobody Forgave?”

Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. It is open to students grades 6 and up and provides socialization and friendship for Channing Youths, as well service projects chosen by the Youth. Due to the unpredictable weather last month, the Youth group held a movie night and postponed the St. Patrick’s Theme Game Night and Potluck. Please look for a future game night as the weather (hopefully) gets warmer and more predictable.

The Youth Group is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt following the service on Sunday April 16th.

The Coming of Age group has been meeting with facilitators and mentors and is beginning plans for their social action project. Learn more about their project and their individual beliefs at the June 4th service. The service is always insightful and one not to be missed.

Please consider attending our next RE Committee Meeting, typically the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Channing House. All are welcome. Please see any member of the RE Committee for details (Susan Whitney, Barbara Russell-Willett, Sally Hanchett, and Kathy Takata).

-Kathy Takata
Religious Education Committee

April RE Calendar

Sunday, April 2: RE Class
After the April 2nd service join the Children & Youth for our second Family Fun Day! We will be meet at Frosty Freeze at 11:30am so that families can enjoy a sweet treat and may go to a local park afterward (weather permitting).

Sunday, April 9: RE Class

Sunday, April 16: NO RE Class, Easter Sunday Service and Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 23: Students participate in the Sunday Earth Day Service

Youth Group
Earth Day event
CAREGIVING UPDATE

Thank you so much to Mary Benson and Betsy Dees for their efforts as caregiving coordinators in March!

We were saddened to hear of the death of Channing member Jim Huston at Village House on March 1st. Jim was 89 and had been living with dementia for a number of years. He was no longer able to attend church, but many of us remember him as a lovely, intelligent, and accomplished man, and enjoyed spending time with him on many occasions.

Our thoughts are also with other Channing members and friends who have suffered recent losses. Our condolences go out to Lisa Colburn and her family on the deaths of both Lisa’s aunt and great-uncle. And we are sorry to hear of the death of Krystal Bobbe’s mother, who passed away suddenly on March 1st. Krystal asked for thoughts and prayers for her father, who is living with cancer, and the rest of her family at this sad time.

I received the following from Nickie Kates: “Alicia Spinner has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin treatment this month. Those with whom she was well acquainted in years past are invited to visit her at Blenheim if you are confident she will recognize you. We will keep you posted on her progress via her daughter. Cards and notes are welcome – you can send them to Alicia at Blenheim, 303 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842. They should be signed from the Channing Congregation or Channing Caregiving.”

Congratulations to Tom and Janna Pederson on the birth of their grandson, Ronan Lewis! Ronan (‘little seal’ in Irish) was born on March 2 and weighed in at more than 8 lbs. Janna traveled to Florida to visit Ronan, his big brother Finnegan, sister Juniper, and parents Annalisa and John Chadwick. Best wishes to the whole family! Betsy Dees and Jamie Carlson also spent a week in Florida in March. They visited Mike and Joanne Armenia, and Jamie also went on to visit her sister and cousin.

Wishing a speedy recovery to George Devine, who recently had foot surgery!

We continue to hold Keion, the 8-year-old nephew of Rev. Bill Zelazny and his partner Patrick, in our hearts as he remains hospitalized in Boston receiving treatment after a brain aneurysm.

Our Caregiving coordinators for April are Sally Hanchett and Barb Nowicki. Please call either of these individuals with any caregiving needs within our congregation.

~Linda Beall, for Channing Caregiving

SHARE THE PLATE

In April half of our cash offerings and checks with the memo “Share the Plate” will go to Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light (RI IPL) and the Greenlove Foundation, both organizations that celebrate and attend to our planet-our interdependent web.

RI IPL is composed of 27 RI faith based congregations with a moral mission to protect and to care for all of Creation. A portion of our April’s plate donations will pay Channing’s annual RI IPL’s membership dues. The remainder will be contributed to the Newport-based Kendra Lindsey Bowers Foundation, Greenlove. Channings own Christine Bandoni is a Vice-President of its Board of Directors. Perhaps you have noticed the new water bottle filling stations installed on Aquidneck Island by Greenlove. The installations are combined with educational programming. The station installed near the Rogers High School gym in April 2016 remains in use while other drinking water sources at the high school are shut off due to excessive lead levels in the water. The Newport Daily News on Monday, March 20, 2017, quoted Newport School Superintendent Colleen Burns Jermain saying: “That the water bottle filling station get quite a bit of use, and we’re glad we were selected to host it.”

The Foundation will also award a grant or scholarship to a RI student engaged in environmental studies, and will provide a young women with a multi-year opportunity to attend Kendra’s beloved Singing Eagle Lodge, a two-week summer camp in New Hampshire’s White Mountains.

Please be generous, as you always are.

~Submitted by Sheila McEntee

For the Social Action Committee
GREEN CORNER
A busy Channing Earth Day Month

April brings a full Earth Month program, starting Thursday, April 6, with the first of our three-film mini-series, co-sponsored by TLC. Please see the full announcement on page 9 for details.

April 23 is Channing Earth Day. Our guest speaker is Christine Muller, a leading RI voice for the environment. Her topic is "Blessed is the Earth: Baha’i Perspectives." Christine is a lifelong Baha'í, and an officer of RI Interfaith Power and Light, of which Channing is a member congregation. The choir will offer "Blessed is the Spot," set to a reading by Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha’i faith. Green Congregation will host a local goodies fellowship spread.

Ten Channing folk were greatly inspired by two youthful guides for our long-anticipated visit to the Tomaquag Indigenous Museum in Exeter on March 18. The Women's History Month presentation by Janet Dean, author of Unconventional Politics: 19th Century Women Writers and US Indian Policy, was also very enlightening.

UULMRI held its annual meeting on Sunday, March 19, at Westminster UU Church. The environmental bill package tied for first place in the issue voting. Several local citizens are still urging the Newport City Council to join 31 of the 39 RI councils in signing a resolution supporting the Burrillville Town Council in opposing the proposed fracked gas power plant there. Three councilors (Bova, Florez and Taylor) favor it, but they need a fourth vote. Newport residents, please contact the other at-large councilors!

We're still eying the People's Climate Movement in Washington, DC, April 29. Anyone interested can contact Beth at the address below.

Our group’s email address is now greencongregation@channingchurch.org. Its emails go directly to Beth. Please update your contact lists.

~Beth Milham, Chair, Green Cong. Committee greencongregation@channingchurch.org

ECO-BITS & TIPS
The Spring of Protest

Last month I talked about Hugelkultur, a novel type of gardening that stores elemental carbon while improving the soil's water and fertility retention. In the next few weeks I'll be turning over the fall rye (grain) and clover I planted in November in my raised beds. It will continue to improve the heavy Newport silt loam soils where I garden. I'll augment it with organic source fertilizers (e.g. steamed or charred bone meal, aragonite, greensand) and lots of carbon-heavy compost. But my thoughts still drift to activism and advocacy.

The Women's March on Washington and other cities highlighted the protests surrounding the 45th President’s inauguration. It involved 3.2 to 5.5 million women (source: Washington Post) and their male supporters. The People's Climate Movement, slated for Saturday, April 29th, may not reach those numbers, but may still easily dwarf the inauguration's attendance. Buses from Boston and Providence, Amtrak from Rhode Island's four stations, and carpool options should provide opportunities to convey to the White House our displeasure with the choice of Scott Pruitt to head the EPA, and the with the proposed budget. Severe cuts to EPA, Interior (National Park Service), USDA (US Forest Service), Commerce (NOAA) and State Departments (treaties) are an affront to our country's citizens' ability to marshal the resources to deal with climate change.

With an eye toward Washington, I'm starting my gardening season soon with asparagus. I challenge congregants to join with Terry and me, and head to Washington to demonstrate our displeasure to 45. And get a little gardening in too!

~Craig Gaspard, for the Green Cong. Committee

RI Interfaith Power & Light Annual Meeting

RI Interfaith Power and Light will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 3, at 5:30 PM at Westminster UU Church, Kenyon St., E. Greenwich. The theme is, "Addressing Climate Change: Turning Crisis into Opportunity - We Are Ready to Act!" All are invited. Refreshments will be served.
This signature UULMRI event was held at the Westminster UU Church in East Greenwich on March 19th, 2017. Forty-one UUs and friends attended this event sponsored by the UULMRI Steering Committee. This committee meets monthly and is composed of representatives from four of the R.I. UU churches—First Unitarian (Providence), Channing Memorial (Newport), South County UU (South Kingstown) and Westminster. Thirteen of the attendees were members of Channing Church. During the past few months the steering committee choose six issues to be voted on at this annual meeting; they were:

- **Affordable Housing/Homelessness:** Presented by Betsy Dees, Channing Church
- **Clean Energy/Environmental Protection:** Presented by Rep. Aaron Regunberg
- **Gun Violence Crisis:** Presented by Nan Heroux, Channing Church
- **Immigration/Sanctuary Cities:** Presented by Bob Cox, First Unitarian Church
- **Racial Justice/Mass Incarceration Reform:** Presented by John Glasheen, UU South County
- **Woman’s Reproductive Rights:** Presented by Carolyn Mark, Westminster Church

The keynote speaker was state Representative Aaron Regunberg, a Democrat representing District 4 in Providence. Aaron embraces many progressive initiatives with a passion for climate control and environmental protection. Members of the steering committee presented the background, justification and list of legislation for each of the six issues. Each attendee was given four votes and could use these votes to vote for four separate issues or cast all four votes for one issue or any other combination. Two issues tied for first place—Clean Energy/Environmental Protection and Racial Justice/Mass Incarceration Reform—with 32 votes each. The Woman’s Reproductive Rights issue was second place with 30 votes, and the Immigration/Sanctuary Cities issue came in third place with 28 votes.

As a follow on to this event, the attendees were instructed on how they can testify at the R.I. State House when legislative bills, associated with these six issues, are heard by the various legislative committees that the bills are assigned to in the state house. They were also provided with web site addresses for finding the contact information for their particular state senator and representative as well as the House Speaker and the Senate President. We don’t all have to testify personally when bills are heard during the legislative time frame between January and July of each year, but the legislators are impressed when we appear before them in person. We can also call the legislators, email them and for the real ambitious—mail them letters explaining why you favor or oppose a particular issue/bill.

All the attendees were encouraged to sign up for any of the six issues they would like to continue to support during the rest of the year. Copies of the six issues can be found on the Social Action table in the Channing Parish Hall. A special thanks to the Westminster Church for hosting this event.

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**Interested in Social Action?**

All are invited to join our Social Action Committee. We meet at 11:30am in the Channing House Library the second Sunday of the month, join us!

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**Interested in attending the DC People’s Climate Mobilization?**

On April 29, the sequel to the NYC People’s Climate March will take place on the National Mall in D.C. We’re working on sending a bus from Providence, but we need to assess the interest in using it. Contact Beth at greencongregation@channingschurch.org, and we’ll send you more information as it becomes available. **This is not a commitment to go!**

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FILL THE FREEZER FOR FLORENCE

Channing’s Margit Baum Fund Committee would like to extend a big thank you to all who donated toward the protein drive for “Fill The Freezer For Florence!” It was a big success. Judie Porter and Joy Benson delivered the great variety of protein on Monday March 20th, and it did in fact fill their freezer!!

APRIL COMMUNITY MEAL
Monday, April 17
3:30-6:15pm, Parish Hall

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Community Meal this month. And especially to RE and the youth group who made wonderful pies for our guests. If you would like to help at future community meals, please contact Meal Manager, Joy Benson.

INTERWEAVE POTLUCK & PROM PLANNING
Sunday, April 16, 5:30pm, Parish Hall

Join Interweave on Sunday, April 16th for a prom planning meeting and potluck dinner at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Free. Bring a dish to share for the potluck. Interweave is Channing’s group for LGBTQ people and allies. Contact Rex LeBeau at interweave@channingchurch.org for more information.

BORN THIS WAY PROM
Friday, April 28, 6:30pm, Easton’s Beach Rotunda

At last, the moment you’ve all been waiting for: The Born this Way Prom is Friday, April 28th from 6:30-11PM at the Easton’s Beach Rotunda, 175 Memorial Blvd, Newport, RI. Carousel rides begin at 6:30PM, last dance at 11PM. Food and drink provided. Non-alcoholic event. Free to LGBTQ people and Allies age 18 and under, $10 suggested donation for all others. Proceeds benefit Interweave and Youth Pride Inc. The event is sponsored by Interweave, Channing’s group for LGBTQ people and allies. Last year 150 LGBTQ people and allies, mostly youth, danced the night away. This is hands down the most fun event of the church year. We’ve been going strong for eight years, come see what it’s all about! If you would like to help at the event or donate some goodies for the food table, contact Rex LeBeau at interweave@channingchurch.org.

PASSEOVER SEDER
Sunday, April 9, 5:00pm in the Parish Hall

All are invited to celebrate at our annual Passover Seder Potluck!

Celebrating Passover together as a Channing Community Event is a fun way to understand the traditions and beliefs, along with the music and delicious food, of the Jewish people. This will be the first time our new minister, Rev. Bill Zelazny, will celebrate this holiday with us, and he is looking forward to being there. Children are most welcomed and encouraged to attend, and we hope you will invite friends and family!!

How to Sign Up Online:
1) go to SignUp.com by entering this in your browser: http://signup.com/go/UhUDbT
2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3) Sign up! It’s Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.
Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to sign up online, please contact Susan VanDerhoof and she will sign you up manually. Please contact Joan Dermody, Mary Benson, Sondra Gold, Sally Hanchett or Sue VanDerhoof with any questions.
100 QUESTIONS ABOUT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM
A Discussion for People New to Channing Church
Sunday, April 2, 11:30am, Ladies’ Parlor in the Parish Hall
This is an informal introductory class designed for people new to Channing to get their questions answered about Unitarian Universalism and an orientation to Channing Church with members of Membership Committee and Rev. Bill. All questions are encouraged. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation in the Ladies’ Parlor, (the room with the large wood table off the main Parish Hall room)

A FUN AND EASY WAY TO GET INVOLVED AT CHANNING
Coffee Hour
Coffee is in need of hosts! Get involved, you can sign up on the Fellowship Sign up Sheet, located on the mantle in the main room in the Parish Hall. If you’ve never done this before and perhaps feel uncertain about your abilities we can walk you through what is expected. Be a hero, be involved. Once you’ve done Fellowship hosting you’ll wonder what held you back.

If you have any questions email Fellowship@channingchurch.org or call Joan Dermody, Mary Benson, Sue Vanderhoof, Sally Hanchett, or Sondra Gold. We'll support you. Thank you!

HONOR EARTH DAY WITH CHANNING DAY!
Thursday, April 6; Mondays April 17 and 24, 7 PM in the Parish Hall
In observance of Earth Day 2017, the Green Congregation and the Learning Center will present a mini film festival, featuring three excellent environmental films. Refreshments will include locally-sourced wine and cheese and fair trade decaf. Freewill donations will be given to the Greenlove Foundation, one of the recipients of Channing’s “Share the Plate” program for April.

Thursday, April 6: “Racing Extinction”: Academy Award winning filmmakers expose the forces that are leading our planet to its next mass extinction, potentially leading to the loss of half of all species.

Monday, April 17: “Groundswell Rising”: Going far beyond the subject of hydraulic fracturing, this film is a compelling and optimistic documentary about civil rights, the growing movement to defend our communities from industrial harm, and the tenacious people who are deeply committed to preserving the planet for future generations.

Monday, April 24: “Facing the Surge”: This film documents the tangible costs of sea level rise for the people of Norfolk, VA; home to the largest Naval Base in the country and to thousands of hardworking Americans struggling to adapt to the rising tides and uncertain future. Not just a film about loss and inaction, it also tells the stories of citizens from across the US as they step forward to raise awareness and push the government to solve climate change.

TLC PRESENTS: AN EVENING OF BOB DYLAN
Wednesday, April 12, 7 PM in the Parish Hall.
David Spitzman of the local music group "The Geezers", a lover of music and its history, will give a presentation on Bob Dylan - American icon and recent Nobel prize recipient for literature. Come and enjoy an evening about Bob Dylan close up – a legendary Folk Festival artist whose early career started right here in Newport! This fun evening will include an historical perspective on Dylan's path to music, his mentors, and his rise to be the musical icon he became. There will be first hand stories, original photography from the 60s taken at the Newport Folk Festival, as well as some of Dylan's songs played by the Geezers.

Wine and cheese will be served. Your $5 suggested donation will help to cover costs. Bring your friends!