Spring is near and Channing’s 7th annual Born This Way Prom will be held Friday, April 29th, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Easton’s Beach Rotunda. This event means a great deal to me, and to the Prom’s sponsor, Channing Interweave (an LGBTQ and Allies group). Many positive steps have been made to advance civil rights for LGBTQ people in recent years, but for all the advances, a few old inequities and prejudices still exist—only a few schools allow LGBTQ students to attend their prom with the date of their choice.

Channing members can provide needed support to The Prom by donating home-made finger foods, decorating the hall, providing soda and ice, volunteering with setup/breakdown or by donating money to underwrite this affirming, non-alcoholic and “right-of-passage” event. To pledge food, please contact Mary Benson by email at mbenson124@verizon.net, or to volunteer, please contact me at poorboyin02840@cox.net or by phone at 847-1491. Help us make this the best Prom ever.

—LARRY BACON

Our guest preachers in April

Lorén Spears is a Narragansett Native who shares her cultural knowledge and traditional arts as Executive Director of Tomaquag Museum in Exeter, as well as through lectures, workshops and other programs. The museum, founded in 1958, is Rhode Island’s only Native-operated facility dedicated to the sharing of indigenous culture and history. Mrs. Spears has been an educator for more than 25 years from K-8, and is now an adjunct professor at URI. She works tirelessly to empower Native youth and to educate the public on Native history, culture, the environment and arts. She is a traditional artist and serves on the Board of the RI State Council on the Arts. Her goal is to promote positive change in our diverse community; one person at a time, through culture-based experiences that promote education, self-esteem, and wellness (mind, body, and spirit).

Matt Weinstein is a student at Harvard Divinity School and currently serves at King’s Chapel in Boston. Matt is particularly interested in psychotherapeutic aspects of religion, especially concerning perception, personal identity, and life satisfaction. He is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, and now lives in Somerville, Massachusetts, where he enjoys working in his garden, cultivating perennials, fruit trees, and an indestructible sense of well-being.

April 3

The Open Book
A childhood memory: a Sunday afternoon movie in which a disobedient Jane Eyre was sent to stand outside, on a stool. Then, in the bleak rain, she is forced to walk and walk... and the story unfolds from there. I had to find that book, and befriend that girl! Ever since I have equated reading with divinity and walking with prayer. Is reading divine? How might it incorporate the sensory experiences of childhood into our faith?

Rev Andrea Greenwood, preaching
David Cooper, assisting

April 10

Always Already
A spiritual outlook on life isn’t that hard to come by, and it doesn’t require any hocus-pocus. Not a bit. But it can change everything.

Rev Dr F. Jay Deacon, preaching
Linda Beall, assisting

April 17

The Partings of Religious Experience
This week, all around the world, Jewish people, and many others too, will celebrate the festival of Passover. For many Unitarian Universalists, celebrating Passover means navigating through a treacherous sea of cultural, political, and religious mares. Join us as we reflect with Jewish Unitarian Universalist Matt Weinstein on the universal message of the Passover.

Matt Weinstein, preaching
David Pedrick, assisting

April 24

Earth Day Service
A multi-generational service by the Green Congregation, with guest speaker Lorén Spears. The theme is Native spiritual grounding and reverence for the Earth, and what we can learn from it. Mrs. Spears and her team will also provide a multi-generational activity for the church after the service.

Loren Spears, pulpit guest
Green Congregation Committee
Beth Milham, assisting

Sunday Services are held at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Children are welcome in our services!
In the current political campaign season, there has been something of a competition for the most immigrant-hostile rhetoric and threats. Voices of hatred and fear have become a significant factor in the current political campaign season. Not just protestors, but journalists and members of the audience who simply look different (like, black or Muslim) face more than swagger. There’s been intimidation and violence.

In March the Episcopal bishops of America issued a statement that’s worth quoting. It read, in part:

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season’s political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society.

We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

Immediately following the March 20 service at First Unitarian in Providence, Rev. Charles Blustein Ortman led the congregation in dedicating a Black Lives Matter banner (displayed on the portico of the Parish House) and in dedicating themselves to actions promoting equity and antiracism. Joining him were James Vincent, President of the Providence branch of the NAACP, who expressed their appreciation for the congregation’s public stand and offered their support and interest in finding ways to collaborate.

Can you see a Black Lives Matter banner hanging in front of Channing? I can!

I want you to know about a spiritual presence in Rhode Island that does some particularly effective work on behalf of the values we cherish. It’s the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, where I represent Unitarian Universalism.

• They worked with the Rhode Island Islamic community to counter anti-Muslim hostility. A number of Channing members attended an open house at the Providence mosque.

• They are working with ministers and, eventually, congregations, to educate them about the life-issues of transgender people and create safe spiritual communities.

• They have been a strong voice on behalf of welcoming Syrian refugees to Rhode Island. They advocate for driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants.

• They’re a major voice for bills to prevent gun violence. Currently they’re putting pressure on Speaker Mattiello to allow a vote on critical gun-control bills: prohibiting anyone convicted of domestic violence from owning a gun.

• They’re sponsoring a Civil Rights tour in the American South this month.

• They mobilize ecumenical advocacy against mass incarceration. They work for legislation and reforms in educational policy so schools make far less use of punitive suspension.

• They’re working to raise the Earned Income Tax Credit to help working people and families from 10% to 20%.

• They led the effort to establish a Station Fire Memorial, which will be dedicated in May.

• In the wake of the Station fire, Rhode Island passed draconian fire regulations that were crippling to houses of worship. RISCC got those regulations modified, and when a town demands vastly expensive systems as before the change in the law, RISCC will accompany the congregation to Fire Code Review Board of Appeals hearings.

• They sponsored a Creation Justice Blessing of the Waters ceremony to call attention to two areas in New England’s waters that must be preserved as refuges for diverse ocean life including coldwater coral gardens, kelp forests, whales, dolphins, sea turtles, seabirds, and fish.

• They advocate for a state plan for LGBT Elder Care.

• They participate in the Coalition to Reduce Poverty, and their conference on May 11 at RIC.

• They respond to events like police violence directed at African Americans—for instance, with a recent vigil at Grace Episcopal Church in Providence.

I’ve urged Channing’s Board to make Channing a member congregation of the Council.

You can learn more about the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, and about RISCC-sponsored events, at: http://councilofchurchesri.org/
FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

COUNT ME IN FUNDRAISER
The evening of Saturday, April 30th

This year we had planned on funds from an auction in our budget, but it’s a big undertaking and we decided to look for a simpler way to keep the budget healthy. Meet the Count-Me-In Fundraiser, which will run throughout April and reach its climax on the 30th – a fun, new idea, that will capitalize on the most successful parts of our auctions of previous years.

Only if we could keep it simple would I accept responsibility for organizing this project. Plus, I knew I would need helpers, but some have already stepped forward and I know most of you are happy to help when asked to do small jobs.

Think about what event or service you would like to volunteer to supply & email me (president@channingchurch.org) soon with a description of your idea and how many people you can accommodate, your name, the date of the event, and a proposed cost. Themed, hosted dinners are among our most successful fundraising items, but there are many more fun things to do - trips, outings, pies, games, sports events, tastings, picnics, potlucks, and any service you might like to offer. Fundraising with fellowship is a good combination.

We will update the list every few days and post it online weekly and in the Parish Hall. If you see an event or service you want to buy, you simply sign up by emailing me or by writing on the posted sheet. We will accept checks at a table in the Parish Hall after Sunday services or by mail or in the office. Once we receive payment, we will email a confirmation and your bid will be registered and honored.

On Saturday, April 30, we will have a concert in the Sanctuary that will double both as final auction and celebration of the completion of the fundraiser. Some events, including those that aren’t fully sold, will be saved for a short, live auction that evening, but our vision is that we’ll have already sold many of the events you offer, and we’ll spend much of the evening enjoying music, refreshments, and each other.

~Chris Laudon, President, Board of Trustees

THE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE ON THE HOME STRETCH

Pledging by members and friends is an act of faith that Channing has a key role to play for you and for others, today and tomorrow. It also lays the church’s financial foundation in a tangible way, allowing us as a Congregation to set the budget with confidence for the coming year.

This year’s fund drive began a month ago and at press time we have more than $100,000 pledged toward the fiscal year that begins July 1st. That’s great progress towards exceeding the $145,000 pledged a year ago, but we need pledges from everyone to get there. If you haven’t already done so, please respond to your steward or contact me to make a pledge.

~John Burnham, Stewardship Committee Chair stewardship@channingchurch.org

COMMUNITY MEAL MANAGER NEEDED!

Our current Community Meal Manager, Diane Jackson, is moving to Florida. Many thanks to Diane for all the work she has done! A new Meal Manager is needed starting in May. The Channing Memorial Church Community Meal is the third Monday of every month in the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in managing the meal or just volunteering please contact Diane at: communitymeal@channingchurch.org
As our, dare I say, last winter storm approaches on this first day of spring, I look forward to warmer weather and children playing outside. This will be a reality soon at the Channing playground. We are fortunate to have the services of Brian Williams from Troop 82 who will be rehabilitating the Channing playground as part of the distinguished Eagle Scout Award. We are also excited to welcome several new families into the Channing RE program.

Looking ahead to summer, members of the Channing Youth Group are planning to attend the Climate Justice program in Boston this July, presented by the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice. Please support their efforts by attending a Youth Group Breakfast Fundraiser on April 10th at 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

Taking a longer look to our next church-year, we are seeking both male and female Our Whole Lives (OWL) facilitators for 5th-6th grade students. OWL is a comprehensive sexuality education program that provides accurate information to understand the physical and emotional changes of puberty. Participants explore values, communication and decision making, as well as physical health and development. Comprehensive training for facilitators will be funded by Channing. We are also gauging how many students are planning to attend this transformative class. Please speak with Jessica Thomas if your child will be in 5th or 6th grade during the 2016-2017 school–year and our interested in attending OWL.

To offer your support, please see Jessica Thomas after a service or contact her at dre@channingchurch.org

-Kathy Takata
RE Committee

APRIL RE CALENDAR

Friday, April 1 through Saturday, April 2: OWL Sleepover (starts in Channing House)

Sunday, April 3, 10am: RE Classes

Sunday, April 10, 10am: RE Classes
- 11:30am: Youth Group Breakfast Fundraiser in the Parish Hall
- 6:00pm: OWL Class, Parish Hall

Sunday, April 17, NO RE Classes
- OWL meets at 6:00pm

Sunday, April 24, NO RE Class—Earth Day Service is appropriate for ages 8 and older
Childcare will be available for ages 7 and younger
- Youth Group Meeting at 6pm

APRIL CHILDCARE

Channing provides Childcare for infants and children through age 4, during our Sunday morning services. Two childcare providers will be caring for your little ones in the Parish Hall during the service. We are looking forward to meeting you and your children. The assistants to our paid provider, Kristin, will be:
- April 3: Joy Benson
- April 10: Marilyn Murphy
- April 17: Marcia Mallory
- April 24: Nan Heroux
CAREGIVING UPDATE
Happy Spring! Thank you so much to Betsy Dees and Sally Hanchett, who so ably kept up with Caregiving news during March.

We are very happy to hear that Bob Kieronski is doing well after suffering a heart attack in early March. Susan and Bob have expressed their gratitude for the thoughtful support from Channing friends.

It is also good to hear that Marilyn Murphy’s husband Jack has been doing well after his stroke in February, and we wish him well in his continued recovery.

Charlie Beckers is still residing at the Grand Islander while undergoing rehabilitation, and Lila Neidich is now a resident of the Grand Islander as well. They both would enjoy hearing from their church friends. Alicia Spinner is always up for a ride to the shore or anywhere else on Aquidneck Island or Jamestown where she can enjoy the beauty of our area. She now lives at Blenheim, 303 Valley Road, Apt. 206.

Congratulations to Bob and Susan Kieronski and Rex LeBeau, who all received top recognition in the recent show at the Newport Art Museum!

Many Channing members have been traveling during the winter months. Among them are Nickie and George Kates, who had a relaxing time on their recent trip to Hawaii. Joanne and Michael Armenia have been spending the winter at their home in Cocoa, FL. Jamie Carlson and Betsy Dees traveled down to see them there, and all had a wonderful time taking in the sights of the area as well as attending the UU church in Rockledge.

The Hanchett/Malise family has some exciting news to share. Sally and Jed’s daughter Johanna and her husband Joel have announced that they are expecting a baby in September!

And finally, congratulations to Rachel Balaban for her work in organizing and facilitating this year’s ASaP 2016 symposium at Brown University on March 5. The symposium, “Designing the Next Steps,” was a day-long series of workshops, community classes, discussion, lectures, and art installations focusing on the power of design and the implementation of arts programming in the medical field. The symposium was a great success!

The Caregiving coordinators for April are Julie Herrick from April 1-15, and Ruth Jernigan from April 16-30. If you or another Channing member or friend you know needs some Caregiving support during the month, please contact one of these individuals.

~Linda Beall, for Channing Caregiving

APRIL CHIMERS
April 3: Cynthia Skelton
April 10: Janna Pederson
April 17: Christine Ariel
April 24: Linda Beall

INTERWEAVE POTLUCK
Sunday, April 17, 5:30pm
Parish Hall
Spring: A time of metamorphosis, growing, changing, becoming beautiful. Join Interweave at our next meeting where we will have a potluck dinner followed by the film "Self-Made Man" (57min, not rated). It’s a documentary about transgender youth advocate Tony Ferraiolo. "As Tony comes to terms with all the complexities of his own life as a female-to-male transgender person, the kids in the youth group and their parents grapple with the reality of their uncertain future". Bring a dish to share and see you there!

For more information, contact Rex LeBeau at interweave@channingchurch.org

Interweave is Channing’s group for LGBTQ people and Allies.

Easter Flower Dedications
Neil & Betsy Leerssen, in Memory of Otto & Dorothy Leerssen
Susan Kieronski, in Memory of Susan Monahan
Robert & Barbara Richter, in Memory of Diane
Social Action

UU Voices from RI

Help select the Issues
UULMRI will lobby for at the Statehouse this year.

The UU Legislative Ministry of R.I.'s annual meeting is Sunday, April 10th from 2 to 4 PM at the UU Westminster Church in East Greenwich. All RI UU congregations are invited to vote on the issues. Then during the legislative season UULMRI members will then lobby for or against the three or four top issues selected at this meeting.

So far the following issues are being considered (Got another? Give it to a SAC Committee member): Affordable Housing/Homelessness, Gun Violence, Immigration Reform, Restoring Ethics Commission Jurisdiction Over State Legislators, Refugee Issues, & Environmental/Green/climate Issues

Our legislative reps with citizen inputs, introduce bills on these issues. UULMRI adopts positions (for or against) individual bills and we attend State House hearings to voice our positions.

A final list of 2016 issues and proposed legislation will be set by March 16 at UULMRI's next planning meeting. Two-page documents detailing issue background and justification will be available on the SAC table in the Channing Parish Hall. If you want to attend this annual meeting please contact one of the people below:

Joanne Armenia (SAC)
Email: sac@channingchurch.org
Al Benson (UULMRI VP)
Mike Armenia (UULMRI Secretary)

~Mike Armenia, UULMRI Secretary

Updates

SHARE-THE-PLATE for April is designated for two environmental groups: EcoRI, and RI Interfaith Power and Light (to continue our congregational membership of $150).

Quoting from the website ecoRI.org: "ecoRI Inc. is a unique initiative devoted to educating the public about local environmental and social justice issues and how they interconnect. The nonprofit accomplishes its mission in separate but linked ways: investigative reporting, community journalism, educational programs, public outreach, green consulting and residential food scrap collection.

ecoRI News, which went online in September 2009, is the journalistic arm of ecoRI Inc. and is dedicated to environmental and social justice reporting. We are devoted to protecting southern New England's ecosystems, natural resources and public health through independent journalism. ecoRI is a registered 501c3 tax-exempt organization. We depend on the support of individuals, foundations and businesses that recognize the importance of environmental/social justice news delivered from an independent perspective."

P.S. Check out a recent March issue about RIPTA.

Earth Day Service

We have a wonderful opportunity on Sun. April 24th during the EARTH DAY worship service to learn from Lauren Spears about Narragansett culture and history and traditions, including a deep respect for the Earth. Lauren is a Narragansett and Nipmuc, and is director of the Tomaquog Museum of Narragansett Culture in Exeter, R.I. Also, Lauren will lead an interactive program for all ages at 11:15 or 11:30 in the Parish Hall. Bring your family and friends to a morning that surely will make us more aware of Narragansett culture and our relationship to one another and the Earth.

Seder for Shalom

Sunday, April 24, 5:00pm, Parish Hall

The SAC, with the support of the Wednesday small group, will be coordinating a Passover Seder dinner to support Temple Shalom. Temple Shalom suffered damage recently when a water pipe burst and did a great deal of damage. We would like to hold this years Seder in their honor and collect funds to assist them in their rebuilding costs. Sign up to join us and select a item to bring. A list of traditional foods will be provided (including some recipes) and there are options for those who prefer not to cook.

Dates to Remember:
Sun., April 3, 11:30am: SAC meets in the CH Library
Sun., April 10, 2-4pm: Annual Meeting of Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of RI at Westminster Church, Kenyon Ave., East Greenwich.
Sun., April 24, 10am: Earth Day worship service. Lauren Spears speaking about her Narragansett culture.
Sun., April 24, 5pm: Passover Seder in Parish Hall
GREEN CORNER
Various and Sundry
Solarize is kicking in! Three Channing households (Mallorys, Jernigans and Judy Byrnes) are lined up for installations this summer, and one installation (Milhams’) is already on line. Barbara Nowicki and the Grosvenor/Asbels got their panels through a different program, and their installations are also complete. The Milhams are happy to report that they’ve been producing more energy than they’re using since day four (and are eating lots of toast!) We’ll salute our solar families on Earth Day, and those families will also host a solar themed fellowship hour.

Green Congregation will conduct the annual Earth Day service on April 24. Loren Spears, Executive Director of the Tomaquag Museum in Exeter, will lead with a talk about indigenous spirituality and reverence for the Earth. During fellowship, she’ll also present a multigenerational, interactive program based on local Native American culture.

There’s a great new “green” store in Portsmouth. The Healthy Home Shop, 1844 E. Main Rd., offers air purifiers and environmentally friendly cleaning, personal and decorative products. They also donated a gift basket valued at $100 to the SAC and GCC raffle supporting Channing Youth Scholarships to a UU College of Social Justice environmental workshop this summer. We thank them, and Barbara Richter, who donated ten multi-colored hybrid day lilies to the raffle, too!

Our deepest condolences to Jan Creamer whose husband, Ron, died unexpectedly in February. Ron and Jan were (are) devoted members of the UU Congregation of South County and of their Green Task Force.

RI Interfaith Power & Light annual meeting will take place on Monday, April 18, at 5:30, at Westminster UU Church, E. Greenwich. More information to come.

~Beth Milham, Chair Green Cong. Committee

ECO-BITS & TIPS
A Book Review
Human population, long an important topic for environmentalists, remains controversial. From Rev. T. Robert Malthus to Cornell’s David Pimintel, “population control” has been interpreted as racist, with large environmental footprint Europeans and North Americans “favored” over less impactful but burgeoning Asian, African and South American countries. Here’s my brief review of a new book providing a balanced perspective with examples from many countries.

Countdown: Our last Best Hope for a Future on Earth? by Alan Weisman (2013: Little, Brown & Company) is an argument for reducing our numbers. This is an important update to the Ehrlichs’ 1968 The Population Bomb. It’s a well researched and easy to read book, from an author who has written extensively about human impact on the environment. I appreciated his first-hand accounts of programs and discussions with medical staffs from countries as far flung as India and the Middle East. Different cultures, religions and mores complicate efforts to reduce population pressures, while the ultimate goal remains creating a higher quality of life for all earth’s inhabitants, including us!

My top takeaways:
1. Fostering women’s education and economic mobility is still key in developing and developed countries;
2. Education of young males and females can reduce birth rates;
3. Promoting ecotourism and improving local organic or low-chemical food production can help reduce population pressures caused by population displacement to cities and across borders;
4. improved quality of life, including health care and independence of food production, are as important as increasing income in developing countries.
5. The globalization of western culture should not be portrayed as a goal and “the envy of all”.
6. The author does not present an optimal world population number, or “carrying capacity”, but gives enough examples and information to arrive at one’s own conclusions.

Happily, this book is available in libraries in Rhode Island. Book club anyone?

~Craig Gaspard, Green Congregation Comm.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING COURSES FROM THE LEARNING CENTER

“Jesus Without Christianity” continues, with course leader Rev. Jay Deacon
Weds. Apr. 6, 13, and 20 7 PM
Parish Hall
Dessert and decaf
$10 Registration fee for one or more sessions

Whatever is a Unitarian Universalist supposed to do with Jesus? Jesus
Without Christianity examines what we really know about who he was and what he taught, en-
gaging scholarship from the re-
nowned Unitarian Albert Schweitzer through the dramatic
advances achieved by the so-
called Jesus Seminar beginning in
the 1980s. We’ll learn who wrote the Gospels, and why; and
how Christianity arose after his
death and a horrific war. A
chance to give a courageous and
creative spiritual thinker his due!
Jay has contemplated Jesus from
angles ranging from biblical
fundamentalism through post-
Christian, post-theistic
scholarship.

“High Heels on Wet Pavement:
Film Noir and the Femme
Fatale”
A film series presented by Sam Jernigan
Join Sam for four films from the
golden age of noir featuring
prominent femmes fatales in
roles that define ruthlessness
and manipulation.
Saturday nights April 2, 9,
23, & May 7
6:30 PM, in the Parish Hall
Wine and cheese
$5 for each night at the
cinema ($15 for the series),
includes refreshments -
a bargain
If it’s Saturday Night it must
be noir!

Visit to Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
Saturday, May 7th
The Learning Center at Channing is planning a trip to Mt. Auburn
Cemetery* in Cambridge on
Saturday, May 7 (rain date May
14).

Jo Freedman, who has led tours of this unique place for her church in Waltham, will be our guide. The group will carpool from Newport, leaving around 9 AM. We’ll take a lunch break part way through the tour. (We expect to be back in Newport around 4 PM) The cost of the course will be $5; your lunch and suggested gas contribution will be additional. The group will be limited to 10 people; your $5 fee holds your place. Registration is through the Channing Office (846-0643 or office@channingchurch.org)
Michele will keep a waiting list after the initial 10 are signed up. We hope you can join us!

*Mt. Auburn, founded in 1831, is the nation’s first garden cemetery, and was the first to use the term ‘cemetery,’ from the Greek for “place of sleep.” Mount Auburn was the first large-scale, designed landscape of any kind open to the public in North America. It has 500 trees and tens of thousands of plants and shrubs, many of which will be in bloom at the time of our visit. Mt. Auburn is also a birder’s paradise. Among the famous Unitarians buried there are Hosea Ballou, William Ellery Channing, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Amy Lowell, Dorothea Dix, and Barnabas Bates (the “father of cheap postage” commemorated in our La Farge stained glass window).
## 2015 - 2016 WORSHIP CALENDAR
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**THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE would like to hear from you!**

Please send us your thoughts about this year’s Sunday services.
- Have you enjoyed the combination of services by Jay and guests throughout the year?
- Which services have appealed to you the most? (Choose a few.)
- What did you like about each? The topic? The style of presentation? The sermon? The readings? The music? The way it made you feel? Anything else?
- What types of services would you like to see more of? And less of?
- Among our guest preachers and presenters so far, please name 3 or so whom you’d like to have come again. Are there any that you would prefer not to re-invite?
- Do you have suggestions for improving the Sunday service format?

*Please send your brief thoughts on any or all of these questions to: worship@channingchurch.org*

**FATHER’S DAY SERVICE:**

We’re looking ahead to congregants’ participation in the Father’s Day service on June 19th. If you value special guidance and love from your father, or have been touched by special experiences as a father, and would like to share a brief story to honor that, please express your interest to any member of the Worship Committee, or write to: worship@channingchurch.org.