SUMMER WORSHIP PROGRAM

Channing will continue to provide regular services during the months of July and August, while Rev. Bill will be on summer break. These are by a balance of guests and congregants, as well as a late summer service by Rev. Bill before regular worship resumes on Ingathering Sunday, September 9th.

The schedule of summer Worship Leaders follows. Further information about their services and updates will be sent by e-mail during the course of the summer. Look for updates, as well, on Channing’s website.

◊ July 1: Rev. Mandy Beal, “Emerson’s Shadow”
◊ July 8: Margaret M. Polski, PhD, “Is God Just Another Guy? A Biological View of Religion”
◊ July 15: Rev. Dr. Kathleen A. Green
◊ July 22: Capt. Tom Beall
◊ July 29: Maryellen Doherty, “Everyday Happiness”
◊ August 5: Tom Howard
◊ August 19: John Prevedini, “Silence”
◊ August 26: Rev. Bill Zelazny, “The Seven Principles: There is Theology Buried There ”
◊ September 2: Eleanor Doumato, “Sacred text and human values: Is there a connection, or are we all just cherry-pickers?”

Enjoy your summer, and please keep your religious spirit refreshed by coming to Channing’s summer services.

David Pedrick,
Worship Committee Chair
FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

At last, after this long cold winter, summer has arrived, along with a new season of events at Channing and changeovers on the Board of Trustees.

So let us introduce ourselves! We are Eleanor Doumato and Tom Howard, co-Presidents of the Board, who will be sharing the load so ably born single-handedly by Barb Nowicki for the past two years. New-comers to the Board are Marian Royer, leading the Program Council, JoAnn Rosemont, taking over as Board Secretary, and Susan Booth and Margaret Polski coming on as Members at Large. Dave Banister re-joins the Board as Chair of Finance, while Ginny Spaulding, Board Vice-President, continues to lead our stewardship campaign and Julie Herrick, Board Treasurer, continues to keep track of our money. Bill Hawkins, after years on the Board as Treasurer, is now a Member at Large.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at church on Sundays--yes even in the summer! Our worship committee has scheduled 10 services to be led by a mix of Channing members and guest ministers who have been invited back by popular demand. We'll have the pleasure of music by our Director of Music, Janet Grant, for four of our summer services, and for the remaining Sundays we'll be hosting guest musicians, including members of the fabulous Newport String Quartet. So take a look at our worship schedule on the front page, and watch for updates sent periodically in your email.

And now, for something entirely different: The Learning Center, under the direction of Susan Kieronski and the inspiration of Rev. Bill Zelazny, has organized a summer-time Chautauqua-style series of talks, walks and music, under the title, "Exploring Newport: Structures, Society, Song, Sea, and Sky." You'll find all the details in our calendar here and on-line, and in a brochure you can pick up in the Parish Hall, or in any of Newport's hotels and bed-and-breakfasts. As part of this series, for the first time, Channing will be participating in Bridgefest, the music performances that take place every summer between the Jazz and Folk Festivals.

And now, for another first, Channing has joined The Four Faiths Tours, a consortium of Newport houses of worship offering historic tours to visitors: Touro Synagogue, Trinity Church, Channing Memorial Church, and Newport Congregational Church. Chris Laudon will be conducting tours of Channing. For more information go to 4faiths.org, or talk to Chris.

So we wish everyone a happy summer with family and friends, and let's meet up at Channing.

Eleanor and Tom Co-Presidents, Board of Trustees

HEY YOU, YES YOU!

Which Sunday could you Usher or Greet at Channing? It is an essential key to making a guest's first impression at Channing positive and warm! It is important to have you be part of the welcoming experience. It is easy and a great way to connect with others at Channing! If you are a first timer, you will be paired with someone who knows what to do.

Two ways to sign up to Usher or Greet! Click here to sign up on line (SUMMER USHERS 2018) OR... contact Susan VanDerhoof

You just need to arrive at 9:30 and here is a list of a few things to do: Welcome folks and pass out the Order of Service, light the candles, post hymns numbers, count attendees, and collect & count the offering.
We will be offering Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 8-10 graders, beginning in the fall. OWL is a comprehensive sexuality education class that incorporates accurate information about sexual health, reproduction, sexual identity, relationships, and values. We are fortunate that Sally Hanchett and Jim Freess will be facilitating this class for our youth. If you have a child who is entering 8th-10th grade in the fall, please speak with Kathy Takata for more information about this life changing and affirming class.

We are assessing the need/desire for a Kindergarten-1st grade OWL class that would begin after January 2019. The K-1 OWL class is designed specifically for young children. Topics covered include families, babies, bodies, and safety. If you have a child entering kindergarten or first grade, please speak with Kathy Takata for more information on how this class may support your child and you.

At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to the Dine and Donate charitable event created by the Youth Group from the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program/Margit Baum Fund. Our youth pooled their Neighbors Helping Neighbors funds to throw a party to raise more money. Money raised will fund summer camps for Newport children and youth. Thank you to Eleanor and Gabe Doumato for hosting this wonderful event at their home. Many thanks to the youth and adults who volunteered time and a special thank you to all who purchased tickets and attended the special dinner.

Lastly, some words from our out-going Director of Religious Education:

“I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their thoughtful and generous gifts. My family has thoroughly enjoyed all the baking / BBQ supplies. The kids especially like the pies! I have gotten great use out of my blanket in the evenings by the water. In addition I appreciate all of the thoughtful words and well wishes I have received.

Thank you,
Jessica and Todd”

Happy Summer!
-Kathy Takata
Family Ministry Team Chair
CAREGIVING UPDATE

Hope you all will enjoy a fine summer, wherever you will spend it!

Many thanks to Betsy Leerssen, who covered Caregiving needs as the June coordinator. In addition to all the other activities that keep her busy, Betsy also enjoyed a recent trip to Ireland.

Last month, we gave recognition to the new graduates in our congregation, and I wanted to add Gabe Shute to that list. Gabe graduated from the Paul W. Crowley East Bay Met School last month. Best wishes wherever your future plans lead you, Gabe!

Huge congratulations also go out to George and Nickie Kates, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!

Thank you to everyone who has helped provide meals and rides to the Marshalls after Bill’s fall and injury and during his subsequent convalescence. Bill and Bett are very grateful to everyone for their care and attention. At the time of this writing, we are continuing to provide some meals, so please check with Nickie Kates, Barbara Russell-Willett, or the monthly coordinator listed below if you are interested in helping.

More happy news to report! Al and Mary Benson are the new grandparents of a baby boy named Connor, born to their son Danny and his wife Stephanie.

As usual at Channing, activities will slow down over the summer months, but please remember that Caregiving support is available year-round to anyone in our congregation who could use a little extra help. For assistance in July, please contact Kathy Takata, and in August, Mike Armenia will serve as Caregiving coordinator.

~Linda Beall, for Channing Caregiving

JULY & AUGUST SHARE THE PLATE

July Recipient

The financial contributions made during our July Sunday services will be shared with students in Newport’s Rogers High School. Specifically, with students who wish to challenge themselves with upper level math courses but cannot afford to purchase the calculator required for the class. We are working with Rogers’s Guidance Department staff to identify the students and secure the technology. Your financial contributions will enable students interested in learning to start their new school year with a more challenging math curriculum.

And, if you are interested, Seaside Rabbits is happy to report there is a delightful rabbit ready for adoption – please contact islandseasiderabbits@gmail.com for more information.

The Social Action Committee welcomes your suggestions for Share The Plate recipient organizations. If you would like to champion a STP recipient, please give your suggestion to Nan Heroux or Sally Hanchett, the committee’s co-chairs, or plan to attend the next SAC meeting when future recipients will be chosen, which is the SAC meeting on September 9, 2018.

~Respectfully submitted, Sheila McEntee for the Social Action Committee
SOCIAL ACTION

GREEN CORNER

Summer Summary

As you read this column, Russ and I will have returned from G.A. in Kansas City. At this writing, though, we haven’t left yet, so I’m still looking forward to an exciting time, and especially to the programs planned by the UU Ministry for Earth. More to come in September.

This was the twentieth anniversary of the URI’s Metcalf Institute. This wonderful program is dedicated to “fostering informed public conversations about environmental issues by conducting science training for journalists and communication training for scientists” (Metcalfinstitute.org.) One program is a week-long immersion curriculum for ten participants selected from a huge pool of applicants. The program concurrently offers daily free public lectures by environmental experts, and I attended them all this year. Watch for the series next June. It’s totally worth the two-bridge trip to the beautiful Narragansett campus.

Last April’s vegan potluck was so well received that founder Derri Owen is planning to offer the dinners on a regular basis every other month. We’ve offered her sponsorship to hold them at Channing, and the first will be on July 21. Look for more information on this page.

Good news! One house of the Massachusetts legislature has passed that state’s version of the “Energize RI” bill, placing a price on carbon pollution in that state. Our bills continue to languish in “deferred for further study” limbo of their respective committees. One argument against them has been our leaders’ reluctance for RI be the first state to pass such a bill, so one provision added to the bills last year was that if passed, the act wouldn’t go into effect until at least one neighboring state passed a similar bill. Fingers crossed that that will soon be a non-issue.

~Beth Milham, Green Congregation

ECO-BITS & TIPS

Components of healthy soil

Soils play a critical role in our gardens and yards by providing fertility, and a plant medium for grass, trees, flowers and vegetable plants. Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are the major nutrients needed by plants to survive, and if any one of these nutrients is deficient, the other two can’t up for it, making them limiting factors. Organic treatment of annual and perennial plants also considers micronutrients as much more valuable than conventional treatment does. These micronutrients generally include calcium, which if deficient, leads to blossom end rot in tomatoes, magnesium and sulfur, deficiencies of which cause yellowing of leaves and weakened plants, and boron, which is important for fruit formation. Its deficiency can lead to brittle tree stems and branches.

The “metal” micronutrients include iron, which ensures good plant formation, molybdenum, a lack of which stunts plant growth, cobalt, which prevents leaf discoloration inhibits photosynthesis as well as copper, zinc and manganese, which also prevent leaf yellowing and diminished photosynthetic activity.

I’ve painted a simplified picture of soils and fertility. But it’s not complete. Other considerations contributing to soil health and productivity include soil biota, from earthworms to mycorrhiza and bacteria, and the absence of harmful organisms like plant viruses. Organic culture includes broad considerations of soil health, including nutrient cycling—a big difference from conventional treatments which are limited to nutrient inputs and outputs.

~Craig Gaspard, for the Green Cong. Committee

VEGAN POTLUCK

Saturday, July 21, 6pm
In the Parish Hall

Interested in animal rights? Want to share a friendly potluck meal? Interested in vegan living? This potluck will be an informal time to share food, socialize and ask questions. Sponsored by the Green Committee and Seaside Rabbits, it will be a fun evening!

Continued
**Vegan Potluck, continued:**
Families with children welcome. Bring a vegan (plant) food to share: no meat, fish, shellfish, milk, cheese, eggs, butter, yogurt, or other dairy-based foods. Bring enough to serve 4, and a card listing all ingredients. To keep this event as green as possible, bring your own plate, bowl, cup, flatware (no paper or plastic please) and a bag for your dirty dishes - we’re going to try to stay out of the kitchen.

Seaside Rabbits helps terrified, rescued meat farm rabbits by bringing them into rabbit-experienced homes where they stay as long as they need to learn that people can be trusted. When the rabbits can love back, Seaside Rabbits finds them qualified, indoor, permanent homes with loving adopters.

**Free & Open to the Public. Please contact Derri Owen (islandseasiderabbits@gmail.com) with any questions.**

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**HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH TOURS**

On Mondays from July 9th through Labor Day Channing will be part of the "Four Faiths Tour". This is a history walking tour that discusses the evolution of religious freedom in Newport and visits four houses of worship, with Channing as the last stop. We will have an unpredictable amount of visitors so I would like to have a couple of assistants to help answer questions as they walk around the building and want to know more about UU principles and William Ellery Channing. While I expect to be present at all the tours and will do the history intro, an additional couple of people will be a great help. I have written an outline of the facts about the building and WEC as well as an intro script to explain Channing’s role in Newport history, and will make it available to anyone willing to help.

Also, if you are free between 10 and 2 on the Fourth of July come see how much fun it is to introduce Channing to visitors. We are open as part of the "Open House" of houses of worship in Newport. Chimers also welcome.

So - if you have an hour or two free on Monday mornings in the summer and would be willing to help please contact me, Chris Laudon. All you need is a friendly smile.

~Christine Laudon, Property Committee Co-Chair

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**COMMUNITY MEAL**

Third Monday of each Month, 3:30-6:15pm, in the Parish Hall

Thanks to everyone who helped at our June community meal, with special thanks to Joan Dermody for preparing the delicious meal! The next Community Meals will be Monday, July 16 and August 20. If you would like to help please contact Joy Benson.

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**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

Fourth Saturday of each month at the McKinney Shelter

Did you know that a group of Channing folk (Josephine Freedman, Betsy Dees, Sally Hanchett, and Irene Glasser) host a breakfast the fourth Saturday of each month at the McKinney Shelter? If you would like to help out please ask Betsy Dees.

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**CHANNING SHARING LOCKER**

The Sharing Locker, which provides non-food necessities (pet foods, cleaning products, health & beauty aids, paper towels & toilet paper) not covered by SNAP (formerly food stamps,) is an ongoing project of Channing's Social Action Committee. We bring your donations to four food pantries on the Island. While we encourage new, unopened containers, one site will accept partial containers. You may put your donations in the designated container in the Social Action corner of the Parish Hall.
We hope you will support Channing Church’s summer fundraisers!
Please join us - and bring friends - for a series of delightful summer “Chautauqua”* – style events, run by The Learning Center.

*part of a pop-up movement of enrichment-oriented summer programs, which can include lectures, music, nondenominational religious studies, and a focus on current issues

Our theme this summer is:
"EXPLORING NEWPORT: "STRUCTURES, SOCIETY, SONG, SEA, AND SKY"

All programs will be held in the Parish Hall from 6:30 – 8:30.
A $10 fee at each event will include wine and cheese, and an engaging program.

Save the dates!

Wednesday, July 18: "STRUCTURES" – "Experiencing Newport’s History Through its Architecture”, with Chris Laudon (Newport History Guide; BArch, RISD)

Wednesday, July 25: "SOCIETY" - "Gilded Age Summer Cottage Society", with Terry Gavan (Author of "The Barons of Newport”; CPA)

Tuesday, July 31: "SONG" - A Rollicking Evening, During “Newport Bridgefest”, with "Farm Dog" and "The Geezers" (Local Folk Music Groups)

Wednesday, August 8: "SEA" - “Newport as a Sailing Town”, with David Pedrick (President, Pedrick Yacht Designs)

Wednesday,August 15: "SKY" - "Birds of Aquidneck Island", with Mary Alice Smith (Avid and much-traveled birder; Board member of Norman Bird Sanctuary)

We are in need of volunteers to assist at some events, and to distribute advertising brochures to local businesses and hotels. Please contact Susan Kieronski if you can help!
We just learned of a $5 Million UUA WAKE NOW OUR VISION Legacy Challenge to inspire new legacy gift commitments to UU entities and to UU congregations.

A $5 million grant from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock provides a 10 percent cash match (up to $10,000 per donor) for new planned gift intentions to partners and congregations. If your gift cannot be valued at this time, a flat match of $1,000 will be given.

What perfect timing to launch a legacy giving program for Channing as the Board approved creation of a planned giving program and a legacy society for our congregation in May! What is a legacy gift? It's a gift you plan now through your will, trust, beneficiary designations or estate that will be received in the future.

Here's how the challenge works:
1. Name Channing Memorial Church and/or other WNOV partners in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.
2. Complete and sign the WNOV pledge form. (attached and on the website)
3. Send the signed form to the UUA Office of Legacy Giving with a copy of the relevant pages of your will, trust, or beneficiary designation form.
4. Send a copy to Channing c/o The Endowment Committee, if you are willing, so that we can include you as a member of our new legacy society.

The matching funds will be awarded in 2019-2020 as long as funds are available.

If you've already named Channing as a beneficiary in your will or trust but have not yet informed us, YOUR GIFT INTENTION STILL COUNTS! For purposes of the Legacy Challenge, legacy gifts will qualify as “new” if they are made between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2020 OR if the receiving institution is unaware of the intention.

The Wake Now Our Vision Campaign is a joint effort of six UU partner institutions to encourage members, friends and supporters to support one another through legacy giving, so that we might become better, stronger, more effective institutions and congregations.

The match is unrestricted. Channing and other recipients can decide how the funds will be used.

For more information, visit the Wake Now Our Vision website: http://wakenowourvision.org

You can also contact our Endowment Committee Chair, Mary Alice Smith, with any questions.