2019-2020 SLATE OF OFFICERS

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Nominating: Joan Dermody, Mary Benson, Margaret Baker, and Jim Freess

UNSUNG UU AWARD
Susan Kieronski received the Unsung UU Award from Channing Co-President, Eleanor Doumato, during the 201p Annual Meeting in appreciation for her generous service & devoted commitment to Channing Memorial Church

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Sunday, June 2
It Takes a Village. . .
JoAnne Ritchie
Rev. Bill Zelazny
It takes a village. . . to raise a child because a village is comprised of a diverse array of people of all ages and experiences, each of whom has something to teach a child. JoAnne, our Family Life Coordinator, will talk about how it “takes a village” to implant a spiritual dimension in our children. It takes a village. . . to run a church. There is much to be done for a church to operate and fulfill its mission. Bill will discuss how it is necessary for people to take on responsibility for church functioning if a congregation is to be successful and grow.
This Sunday JoAnn will recognize the people who make our religious education program function and Bill will recognize the many people who give their time and talent to help the church’s ministries and programs.

Sunday, June 9
Answering the Call
Mary Benson, Beth Milham, and Sherrill Warch
Most of us who consider ourselves UUs do so because we believe in our seven principles. While our principles...
make us sound like high-minded people, actual practice requires
great courage, especially when
applying our principles to those
who need our help the
most. Let’s hear from some of
our peers around this mindset as
it manifests in the support and
advocacy of LGBTQ people.

Sunday, June 30
Coping with Climate
Change
Presenter: Mary Alice Smith
Description: We know that
climate change is bringing drastic
changes to the natural world and
life as we know it. Catastrophic
impacts on a million species is
predicted by a UN study. How
do we process this in our daily
lives? What can we do? One
person’s journey in caring about
the environment we live in.

Sunday, June 16
In Praise of Tender
Masculinity
Rev. Bill Zelazny
Our culture has developed two
notions about men – the Macho
Man (buff, distant) and Nice Guy
(nerdy, brooding). Both are
problematic. On this Father’s
Day, Bill will look at a third
concept -- Tender Masculinity.
Tender Masculinity is a multi-
layered understanding of
maleness that comes from all
backgrounds. Celebrating
tender men gives the next
generation the male role models
they deserve.

Sunday, June 23
Happy 206th Birthday to
Charles Timothy Brooks
Presenter: Jim Egan
Sunday, June 23, we’ll celebrate
the 206th birthday of Charles
Timothy Brooks (1813-1883)
first pastor of the Unitarian
Church in Newport and the
driving force behind the
construction of the Channing
Memorial Church in 1880.
Jim Egan is the curator of the
Newport Tower Museum, right
across Toro Park from the church.
He has written 20 books on
Newport and Rhode Island history,
and has delivered a Learning
Center lecture on the “Roots of the
Channing Memorial Church.”

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION &
FAMILY MINISTRY

June 2 is the closing day for the
Chalice Children programming.
We will resume classes in
September. Following the June 2
worship service, we invite the
congregation to join us during
fellowship for an ice cream social
in celebration of the Chalice
Children and all the people who
helped us this past year. We
hope to see all our Chalice
Children and their families in the
fall when we will continue our
journey to a better
understanding of what it means
to be a Unitarian Universalist.

~JoAnne Ritchie,
Family Life coordinator

From Sept.-June
Child Care with Ms.
Amy and Ms. Morgan
is available in the
Parish Hall every Sunday during
the worship service (9:45am-
11:30am) for children 4 years of
age and under.

In July and August childcare
will be available on July 7, July 21,
Aug. 4, and Aug. 18 only.
Children are always welcome to
attend the worship service with
their families. There is a play
table in the back of the church if
they get restless. We ask that
we do not leave your child(ren)
unattended.
CAREGIVING UPDATE

Thank you so much to Pam Goff and Abby Adams, who served as Caregiving coordinators in May! At the time of this writing, there seems to be a dearth of Caregiving news to pass along for the past month. Hopefully this means all of you are well and happy and ready for a great summer after this rainy and cold spring!

It was great to see Joan Dermody back at church on Choir Sunday after having her knee replacement surgery. At this time she is hard at work with physical therapy, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The coordinators for June are Gerry LePage from June 1-15 and Fatima Devine from June 16-30. Please contact either of these individuals with any caregiving needs among our congregation members or friends.

~Linda Beall, for Channing Caregiving

SHARE THE PLATE

Channing will share the proceeds of donations made during its June Sunday services with Youth Pride, Inc. (YPI). YPI provides a safe, comfortable drop-in space at its facility in Providence where LGBTQ youth can relax, chat with friends, and meet new acquaintances. It responds to the special needs of its population with HIV testing and support for Gender-Sexuality Alliances (GSA’s) in local schools. It has a well-stocked kitchen and a Basic Needs Pantry which provides youth-in-need with food, clothes, toiletries, and school supplies free of charge. YPI connects homeless youth with assistance in applying for housing, transportation, and understanding government benefits that youth may qualify for, as well as educating youth on GED programs. YPI is able to provide one on one mental health counseling to youth needing such services and works to connect them to other needed professionals.

YPI anticipates using the June STP monies to stock its pantry with items that have been specifically requested by its youth that it has not been able to afford and to support its popular Wednesday Night Dinner program that provides a hot family type meal for everyone to choose to participate.

More information is available on the organization’s website https://www.youthprideri.org/

The SAC welcomes your suggestions for STP recipient organizations. If you would like to champion a STP recipient, please give your suggestion to Nan Heroux or Sheila McEntee, the committee’s co-chairs, or plan to attend the next SAC meeting on Sunday, June 2, when future recipients will be chosen.

Please be generous, as you always are.

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

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!

Happy June and happy PRIDE Month! Newport Pride is May 31-June 2. Visit www.newportout.com for a list of events. Join Interweave on Saturday, June 15 for the Illuminated Night Parade. All are welcome to march in this fun and exciting event through downtown Providence. Meet at 7:30pm at the staging area on Clifford Street in Providence. Let us know if you are unable to walk and would like to ride in the truck. For more information, email Interweave Chair, Rex LeBeau at interweave@channingchurch.org

LGBTQ GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Precise use of terms in regards to gender and sexual orientation can have an impact on demystifying many of the misperceptions associated with these concepts. Here is a link to some working definitions and examples of frequently used (and misused) terms as a starting point for dialogue and understanding. https://pflag.org/glossary.
Well today (Monday May 20th) feels like the day I can put my snow shovel away and to think about going out on a nearby trail to enjoy the environment. Since I was also thinking about the environment, I thought I could also be productive pick up some trash I expect I would see. Where to go I wondered?? So I decided to see what I could find on a web search. Keywords I used to look around on the web were “Trails in Newport RI”, “Trails on Aquidneck Island RI and also “Aquidneck Island Land Trust trails”. I found a lot of options and trail ratings, walk distances, difficulties and maps. Enjoy while it is not too hot and take pictures to share.

~Russ Milham, Green Congregation Committee

**GREEN CORNER**

**INTERFAITH RALLY FOR GUN SAFETY BILLS**

Join members of the faith community, One Gun Gone and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence for an interfaith rally on June 11th at 3PM at the Rhode Island State House to call for the need to pass common-sense gun safety legislation.

~Nan Heroux, SAC Chair

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**PFLAG Support Meetings**

**Monday, June 10, 6:45pm, Parish Hall**

PFLAG Newport will have it’s final support meeting of the season on Mon. June 10. We will be taking July and Aug. off (PFLAG Greater Providence will be holding a meeting Wed. Aug. 7 if folks feel they need that they can contact pflagprovidence@gmail.com or call the Help Line at 401-307-1802) and then resume in Sept. on Mon. Sept. 9. Facilitator, Doreen LePage, can be reached at led1pflagnewport@gmail.com

**Senior Ministry Brown Bag Lunch**

**Tuesday, June 11, 12:00pm, Parish Hall**

Join with other members and friends of CMC the second Tuesday of the month for a congenial and stimulating lunch time conversation on a topic of interest to senior adults. Bring your lunch, coffee will be provided. We will not meet in July or August, and will resume in September.

**Great Guys Group**

**Saturday, June 15, 8:30am, Parish Hall**

The Great Guys Group is here to provide companionship and support for the men of Channing Church. It’s done over breakfast and conversation on the third Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall from 8:30–10:00am, join us! We will not meet in July or August, and will resume in September.

**Circle of Concerns and Joys**

**Saturday, June 15, 9:00am, Channing House Library**

“Circle of Concerns and Joys” is an opportunity to gather in a supportive setting to share joys and concerns, outside of the weekly service. Each session includes brief readings, sharing, shared silence, and candle-lighting, and lasts about an hour. All are welcome, we meet the third Saturday of each month at 9:00am in the Library. We continue meeting during July & August. If possible, let Maryellen know ahead of time if you’re planning to come or have any questions. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to get settled before we begin at 9:00

**Summer Church Office Hours**

**June**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9:00am-Noon

Closed Wednesday

*Tuesday, June 2, office hours will be 10:00am-1:00pm*

**July and August**

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00am-Noon

Closed Monday and Wednesday