Share the Plate  
July/August 2019

For at least the second year, the financial contributions made during the Sunday services of July and August, will be shared with students in Newport’s William S. Rogers High School. Specifically, the monies will be shared with students who wish to challenge themselves with upper level math courses but cannot afford to purchase the grafting calculators required for the classes. We are working with the Rogers’s Counseling and Math Departments to identify the students and to secure the needed technology. Your financial contributions will enable students interested in learning to start their new school year with a more challenging math curriculum.

When we spoke with Counselor Flo Hazen, our contact staff person at Rogers, she stated she was delighted to hear from Channing again and that the calculators purchased with our Share the Plate monies last year were really appreciated by the students.

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, the committee’s chair, or plan to attend the next SAC meeting when future recipients will be chosen.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McEntee for the Social Action Committee

PARKING FOR WORSHIP SERVICES  
Summer is busy in Newport! To make Sunday parking easier there are yellow maps available on the Sanctuary back table (next to the exit) showing parking spaces within walking distance of church. These spaces are available during the Sunday worship services only (ESPECIALLY AT THE ART MUSEUM!). Don’t forget to put your map on your dashboard where it is clearly visible to identify you as a Channing Parishioner. Please note that parking is not allowed to us by the Elk’s lodge.

SUMMER CHILDCARE  
This summer our Family Ministry Childcare Program will be offering limited Childcare for our Children, ages 0-5 years old, in the Parish Hall Childcare room and playground with our dedicated and nurturing Childcare Providers, Amy Wittekind and Morgan Ferguson. Childcare will be provided: July 7, July 21, August 4, and August 18. Please come to enjoy the Summer services and bring your little ones to have some fun with Miss Amy and Miss Morgan!!! 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 do not leave your child(ren) unattended.

For questions regarding Summer Childcare contact Barbara Russell-Willett at childcare@channingchurch.org
Sunday, July 7
Clearing Out: A Hidden Key to Deepening Your Spiritual Life
Speaker: Jeannette Bessinger
Marie Kondo’s books and philosophy on the “magical art of tidying up” have swept much of the world by storm. Her message, though simple, is a timely balm to our “congested” lives and over-full minds. The practice of clearing out – in your living spaces, your mind, your belly and even your schedule – can have an immediate and profound effect on your energy levels, your ability to make change, and your inherent but-untapped connection to the Flow of Life itself. Join us for an exploration of this under-utilized spiritual practice that’s available in every phase of life.

Jeannette Bessinger, CHHC, interfaith minister and real food expert, is an award-winning educator and author of multiple books featuring healthy eating. Designer of a long-running and successful, hospital-based, lifestyle change program and countless transformational workshops, Jeannette has helped thousands of people make lasting changes to deeply entrenched habits that no longer serve them.

Sunday, July 14
Misunderstanding Science, Speaker: John Prevedini
What is science, really? How is it distinct from “STEM”? And what is its role in the humanities?

Longtime Channing member John Dante Prevedini is a composer, educator, and public speaker living and working throughout New England. Drawing upon a variety of fields of knowledge, his overall work aims to examine unconventional facets of everyday life through a multidisciplinary lens.

Sunday, July 21
Not because they are easy but because they are hard
Speaker: Tom Beall
The United States, in terms of its ideals, has always been at war with itself. It is a war of Christian dogma versus secular enlightenment. The Apollo voyages to the Moon 50 years ago represented the pinnacle of the latter, the striving for greatness as a human adventure. 50 years later we have moved far in the direction of Christian dogma. Is that a good thing?

Tom Beall has been a member of Channing for 18 years. He is a collector of rare books and documents on America’s space program.

Sunday, August 4
Barnabas Bates~UU Leader and Father of Cheap Postage
Speaker: Christine Laudon
The LaFarge windows dedicated to the memory of Barnabas Bates have long been the source of a mystery. What did he do to become the Father of Cheap Postage and why does that matter? What is his connection to William Ellery Channing? Come and find out the many nuances of his life work and participate in an historical drama.

Chris Laudon is a Channing member who has been involved in the architectural preservation of our buildings and a tour guide for the Newport Restoration Foundation and Channing Memorial Church.

Sunday, August 11
Oceans in a Changing World: What can we do?
Speaker: Drew Carey
The world’s oceans are so closely associated with climate that we have to consider how changes in atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide will affect the oceans in our state and community. What is the scale of the problem and what can we do locally to respond?

Drew Carey is a marine scientist engaged in assessing the health of the seafloor across the world. He is also engaged in local issues of stormwater, ocean health and resilience of coastal communities.

Sunday, August 18
Freedom Moves West
Rev. William Zelazny
In the 19th century the United States expanded westward and along with it Unitarianism. Bill will look at our movement out of New England past the Allegheny mountains to become a continent-wide expression of free religious thought and practice. Along the way we will stop in Lawrence Kansas to see how Unitarians supported the abolitionists’ fight for a slave-free Kansas.

Meet Channing Church!
This Sunday friends and members of Channing Memorial Church are invited to bring a neighbor or friend to get acquainted with our church and the Family Ministry Program. Rev. Bill and JoAnne Ritchie will be available to talk about Channing Church and what we can offer people looking for a doctrine-free progressive religious home.

Updates will be posted for the July 28 and August 25 Worship Services on the church website and FaceBook page!
Summer is here! We wish you all a safe and healthy summer, and hopefully we’ll enjoy some better weather than we’ve had this spring.

Congratulations are in order for many in (or connected to) our congregation! First, kudos to Rachel Balaban for her selection as a Creative Community Fellow in a 5-month program presented by National Arts Strategies and their partners at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Social Policy and Practice and Center for Social Impact Strategy. Rachel is one of 25 artists and community organizers to participate. Her project is to take her program Artists and Scientists as Partners (ASaP) “to the next level with the inspiration of other Fellows and the program’s mentors.”

Nickie and George Kates celebrated two graduations in May. Their grandson Jonah graduated from college and grandson Zach from South Kingstown High School. Jonah and Zach are the sons of former Channing DRE Alison Kates.

We extend congratulations as well to Nicholas Yalanis, son of Chris Yalanis and the grandson of Betsy Leerssen, as he proceeds from high school on to Northeastern University!

We have more proud grandparents of graduates to recognize: Russ and Beth Milham (grandson Edwin from high school) and Marilyn and Jack Murphy (grandsons Chase from college and Austin from high school).

We want to thank Gerry LePage and Fatima Devine for serving as Caregiving coordinators during June. Kathy Takata will serve as coordinator from July 1-15, and Diane Bonds during August. Please contact these individuals with any needs among our Channing members and friends. During any times that are not covered, you may also contact Barbara Russell-Willett or Nickie Kates, Caregiving co-coordinators, at caregiving@channingchurch.org

~Linda Beall, for Channing Caregiving

**STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS**

Stop and Shop gift cards for $100 and $50 will continue to be available for purchase all summer.

Channing buys these cards at a 5% discount, so for each $100 card you purchase for groceries or gas, Channing keeps $5. Thanks to all of you Stop and Shoppers, in 6 months we earned over $500 for Channing. Many thanks to all participants to date, and we hope others will join the crowd. Bring your checkbook or cash to Fellowship and look for Julie Herrick, Joan Dermody or Fatima Devine.

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**SUMMER CHIMERS**

July 7: Janna Pederson
July 14: Linda Beall
July 21: Jim Freess
July 28 TBD
August 4: Jim Freess
August 11: Linda Beall
August 18: Cynthia Skelton
August 25: Linda Beall

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**MEET CHANNING MEMORIAL CHURCH!!**

Sunday, August 18th

On August 18 please bring a friend to meet the church which you attend. Rev. Bill will be preaching on an aspect of American Unitarian history. During fellowship our Family Life Coordinator, JoAnne Ritchie, will be available to introduce our children and youth program to families, and Rev. Bill will be available to answer questions about the church and Unitarian Universalism. We will also have some special refreshments for everyone. Growing our church begins with introducing our progressive and active religious home to the community.

~Rev. Bill Zelazny

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**SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY**
GREEN CORNER

Shave the Peak

Here is an easy no cost way to help reduce the pollutants pumped into the air to make more power!

What happens is that in high demand times those power producers that use dirty fuel are called on to produce more power.

The concept is that reducing your personal energy usage during periods of high energy demand reduces the demand on the system, so that the dirty energy is less likely to kick in.

I use “Green Energy Consumers Alliance” and they send me notices when high energy peaks are expected. We also plan when we use the washing machine and dishwasher, so they are not on at peak times.

You can do these things too and they are zero cost. Check greenenergyconsumers.org or do a web search under “Shave the Peak” for other sources.

Please remember this works in all seasons of the year though mostly in the summer and winter.

Have a comfortable cool summer while still reducing the pollutants going into our air.

~Breathe well,
Russ Milham, Green Congregation Committee

THANKS CHANNING!!
Donated Gifts presented to The Rhode Island Veterans Home

On May 28, 2019, members of the Channing Social Action Committee, Sherrill Warch and Nan Heroux, delivered gifts donated by the congregation to the RI Veterans Home in Bristol. Paula Parella, its Activities Supervisor, expressed delight at the variety of items and the thought and generosity they reflected. Resident and Veteran William Hagan, pictured holding a DVD on Pearl Harbor, expressed his excitement at seeing this movie again.

Summer Church Office Hours
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
9:30am-12:30pm
Closed Monday and Wednesday
The office will be closed July 15-29
**Closed Friday, July 5 instead of Wednesday, July 10**