Saturday Nights at the Movies!

Film Noir
with Sam Jernigan,
Film Aficionado
Sponsored by
The Learning Center

Saturdays Feb. 8 and 15, each at 7:00 PM
$5 suggested donation
In the Parish Hall; popcorn will be served.
BYOB.

Featuring two films noir from the golden age of noir with flawed protagonists, femme fatales, darkness, desire and desperation. Sam Jernigan will introduce the films and lead the post-film discussion.

Saturday, Feb. 8: Double Indemnity
A moody, pessimistic crime story with strong overtones of spiritual bankruptcy and moral cynicism.

Saturday, Feb. 15: Out of the Past
A perfect example of the Noir style replete with shadowy stylistic visuals and rotten but charming characters.

Worship Services
Sunday, February 2:
Guest: Julie Mallozzi
Life Lessons from Film Making
Filmmaker Julie Mallozzi will speak about what she has learned through her work creating social issue documentaries. Her recent film CIRCLE UP in particular provided many life lessons about forgiveness, justice, and accountability; about trying to be restorative in everything you do; and about defining your own success rather than letting others define it for you.

Julie Mallozzi is a documentary filmmaker whose work explores the ways cultural traditions from around the globe intersect, hybridize, and are turned to new social purposes far from their original context. Her films have won awards at numerous festivals, been broadcast nationally on public television, and screened widely in educational and community contexts. Mallozzi received her BA from Harvard University and her MFA from San Francisco Art Institute. Mallozzi has taught at Rhode Island School of Design, Boston University, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and Harvard University, where she is currently a Lecturer in Art, Film, and Visual Studies and Administrative Director of the Film Study Center.

After the service, Julie will introduce a 14-minute viewing of her film "Circle Up" and respond to your questions. "Circle Up" is about mothers seeking true justice for their murdered sons— justice that involves not revenge and mass incarceration by forgiveness, accountability, and community healing.
Sunday, February 9:  
Rev. Bill Zelazny  
Resilience is a call of the Spirit  
Some people in this congregation have come through a difficult time and some are about to enter a difficult time, but most of us are just trying to have the strength and courage to make it through one more day or week or year. And all of that takes the emotional power of resilience. A colleague of mine once said that “Resilience cannot be about merely recovering from one trial or another. Resilience is also a proactive skill and a way of life…” And this proactive living skills is in its own way spiritual. This Sunday Bill will explore the notion of resilience in living and its spiritual character.

Sunday, February 16:  
Rev. Bill Zelazny  
The Big Love  
The box of chocolates or the flowers or the card, or the charge card receipt for the quiet dinner that were the visible symbol of eros love, sexual love, may still be sitting on the table or buffet. That kind of love is very important for everyone. But today, while we are still in the aura of Valentine’s Day, Bill invites us to consider what he names “The Big Love”, the kind of affection that is a call to action for us to let Love guide us in all that we do.  
Our annual Chocolate Fest will occur during the Fellowship Hour following the service. See the Chocolate Fest article else where in the Catalyst.

Sunday, February 23:  
The Great Treasure of Unitarian Universalism and Channing Church  
Our faith comes out of six religious and spiritual sources. They are described in that long paragraph few of us ever read that follows the Statement of Purposes and Principles. They, in effect, say, that people with very different theological and spiritual perspectives can join together in religious community and live in harmony. This melding of diversity is Unitarian Universalisms and Channing Memorial Church’s treasure. Bill and members of our congregation will look at the six Sources this Sunday as we consider the power and potential this treasure bring to this congregation.

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS  
We are still looking for a Family Ministry Committee Chair…  
The MYSTERY FRIENDS are working their magic! They are sending notes and gifts to their Children and the BIG REVEAL is during Fellowship on February 9. Thanks to all who are participating in this fun event!  
This year’s PAJAMA DRIVE is NOT a Pajama Drive. The Newport Family & Child Opportunity Zone at Newport Public Schools is asking for stretchy sweat pants (mostly for boys), backpacks, and underwear. And, as always, gift cards are always welcome for the staff to use for specific and/or emergency needs.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR  
This month, there will be Chalice Children Class EVERY Sunday. The children will begin in the sanctuary and recess to the Parish Hall after the Message for All Ages. Child Care will be available during all the services.

~JoAnne Ritchie,  
Family Life Coordinator  
Email: FamilyMinistry@channingchurch.org
CAREGIVING UPDATE
Thank you so much to Margaret Baker and Ruth Jernigan, who served as Caregiving coordinators in January!

Before mentioning anything else, I’m sure everyone in our church community joins me in extending our deepest sympathies to our long-time office administrator, Michele Dubuc, whose devoted companion of more than three years, Michael LaPierre, died very unexpectedly on Jan. 17. Please keep Michele and Michael’s family in your thoughts at this very sad time.

A number of our friends in the congregation have been recovering from surgeries and/or hospital stays. Bill Peresta had some new shoulder hardware put in early in January and is doing well with physical therapy.

We are also glad to hear that June Wing came through surgery with flying colors in early January and is feeling — in her words — “jubilant”!

Wishing Diane Bonds all the best and a speedy recovery — at the time of this writing, she is about to undergo back surgery and is looking forward to being able to move around and get out to walk more easily again.

Nickie Kates, our long-time Caregiving program founder/leader who stepped down at the end of December, was thrilled to receive a thank-you gift of a silver plated Paul Revere-style silver bowl engraved with “Caregiver in Chief” from the governing board on behalf of the congregation. Thank you for all your loving service to Channing Church, Nickie!

I wanted to recognize and welcome once again our new Caregiving co-leaders, Sally Hanchett and JoAnn Rosemont!

The Caregiving coordinators for February are Nancy Caswell (864-1255) from Feb. 1-15, and Lindsay Cassidy (617-470-6623) from Feb. 16-29. Please contact them with any caregiving needs within our congregation.

~Linda Beall, for Channing Caregiving

SMALL GROUPS BEGIN SOON!
February 4-May 12
Channing’s highly popular Small Group Ministry program is beginning soon. The spring “semester” will run for 8 sessions beginning February 4 with meetings occurring every other week. There will be two groups which will meet on Tuesdays in the facilitators’ homes in Newport from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Small Groups provide Channing friends and members an opportunity to reflect on and share their life’s journey, while examining important questions in a relaxed, comfortable setting. It’s a great way to meet new people, renew old acquaintances, and connect with some of the most unique, diverse, and thoughtful minds in our congregation. And … it’s just a whole lot of fun! If you would like to participate, please contact Milly Jessen at smallgroups@channingchurch.org

Do you have a concern that you would like to share with the Channing Caregiving Committee? We have placed a box and notepaper on the table in the back of the Church closest to the exit. Let us know if and how we can be of help.

~The Channing Caregiving Committee

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

All Church Dinner Party!
Pledge Drive 2020 Kick Off
Saturday, March 7, 5:30pm, in the Parish Hall
Let us all gather together for a fun night of pirating antics!

Dinner and Beverages,
Music and Talent provided by Channing Church
An invitation will be sent through Evite,…
Please RSVP when it arrives.
Be prepared to pledge your bootie and pieces of eight….Argh!!
SOCIAL ACTION

ECO-BITS & TIPS

Human Caused Climate Change: The Necessary Will to Act is Sorely Lacking

One would have to be Rip Van Winkle, or medically impaired, to not be aware of the topic. And by all reasonable news and scientifically-based sources, climate change is already well underway. In fact, my read is that it will be very challenging indeed, to limit the increase in global temperature to less than 2 degrees C. (The 2 degree limit is a generally agreed limit that, if achieved, would contain damage to humans, their infrastructure and ecosystems such as estuaries, coral reefs, etc.)

The list of examples of climate change is (unfortunately) long and growing: unprecedented wildfires now in Australia; 2019 was the second hottest year on record, with the 2010-2019 decade being the warmest decade in metrological history; droughts in the Southwestern US are now the norm with state government, tribal entities and farmers all fighting over “water rights”; coral reef “bleaching” events put at risk most of these ecosystems, due to an indirect result of climate change called “ocean acidification”; and unprecedented meltwater losses from land-based glaciers throughout the world. It seems reasonable to ask how we got to this point.

Right now, THE sticking point in writing meaningful legislation at the national level, to really begin to take more aggressive steps to deal with climate change, is the Republican Party in the age of President Trump. There is no other way to state it. While Republicans throughout history, admittedly through major shifts in the evolution party (e.g. Nixon’s Southern Strategy), have initiated and supported environmental legislation, the party is, with few exceptions now, opposed to meaningful. This is an about face from the 1990’s when the late Senator John McCain (R-Az.) in co-sponsored Cap-And-Trade legislation with Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and got oh so close.

In fact, here are just a couple of steps this President has taken to sabotage efforts to deal with this burgeoning “crisis”: dissolving several scientist advisory boards at EPA and elsewhere; attempting to cut NASA’s Orbiting Carbon Observatory 3 funding (twice) and EPA in general; changing policy 180 degrees, by removing “Climate Change” on EPA, NOAA and other government websites to deny its existence. This just scratches the surface. (I offer www.scepticalscience.com to those interested in a science-based argument against global warming denialism. By the way, scientists from Michael Mann to Katharine Hayhoe to David Suzuki have endorsed this source.)

Next time, I will glean the available literature and hope to offer a range of solutions that individuals, towns and cities, states and countries and then our world can consider, as ways to quickly change the trajectory of our climate emergency and overcome political resistance.

~Craig Gaspard, (solely responsible for the content of this article), for the Green Congregation Committee

FEBRUARY SHARE THE PLATE

The fourth Sunday of the month is “Share the Plate Sunday”. All of the cash offerings and checks marked “STP” will be donated to the chosen recipient of the month.

February’s recipient, Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, works to empower refugees and immigrants in the community by providing vital programs and services for legal aid and representation for citizenship and immigration, refugee resettlement, education, and more.

Dorcas’s mission is to empower individuals and families, especially immigrants, refugees, and the underserved, to become self-sufficient and fully participating members of a diverse community through innovative programs and advocacy that promote education, training, and cultural understanding. All who are working to overcome cultural, educational, economic

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and language barriers are welcomed by the agency and helped to achieve self-sufficiency and to participate actively in the community.

Dorcas International Institute of RI does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

Welcoming Rhode Island is a community-based initiative by Dorcas International that seeks to affirm RI as a welcoming place for all newcomers and that fuels the continuation of building strong, vibrant, and more cohesive communities across the state. This initiative encompasses various community projects as well as a huge annual FREE festival that celebrates newcomers every year: The Welcoming Rhode Island Festival (WRIF). WRIF is a free and family-friendly festival that invites people to explore cultures and to honor diversity, freedom, and their personal heritage. In past years, there has been live music, games, international foods, interactive activities, entertainment for children, exciting performances (ranging from belly dancing to African drumming), global artisans, a Maker’s Market, and more!

~Nan Heroux, Chair Social Action Committee socialaction@channingchurch.org

**MONTHLY PFLAG MEETINGS**
**Monday, February 10, 6:45pm, Parish Hall**
PFLAG holds monthly support meetings the second Monday of every month from 6:45 - 8pm. For more information contact Doreen LePage at: led1pflagnewport@gmail.com

**BLACK HISTORY ASSEMBLY**
**Friday, February 14, 9:30am**
**Rogers High School**
The Forty-ninth annual Rev. Robert L. Williams National Black History Month Assembly will be held at Roger’s High School auditorium. This assembly is co-sponsored by Channing Memorial Church and Community Baptist Church. There will be a breakfast reception following the assembly in the Colonial Dining Room. All are invited.

**COMMUNITY MEAL**
**Monday, February 17, 3:30-6:15pm, Parish Hall**
The Channing Memorial Church Community Meal is the third Monday of every month in the Parish Hall. To see when volunteers are needed contact Joy Benson at communitymeal@channingchurch.org

**GREAT GUYS GROUP (GGG)**
**Saturday, February 15, 8:30-10am, Parish Hall**
The Channing GGG is an informal church association for men and holds its monthly breakfast gathering the third Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall. It is open to men of all ages, Channing members/friends as well as men from the larger community. Its purpose is to provide camaraderie, conversation, learning, spiritual exploration. Group participants take turns making or bringing breakfast. Coffee/tea is provided.

**INTERWEAVE MEETING & POTLUCK**
**Sunday, February 16, 5:30pm, Parish Hall**
Channing Interweave meets the third Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share and see you there! Interweave is Channing’s group for LGBTQ people and allies.

**Save the Date! The Interweave Born this Way Prom is Friday, April 24, 6-10:30pm, at the First (Easton’s) Beach Rotunda, in Newport.**

*For more information about Interweave, contact Rex LeBeau at interweave@channingchurch.org*
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY CHIMERS
Feb. 2: Jim Freess
Feb. 9: Cynthia Skelton
Feb. 16: Christine Ariel
Feb. 23: Linda Beall

WINTER STORM CLOSINGS
In the case of bad weather Sunday Worship Service may be cancelled. Cancellations are announced via TV Channels 10 & 12, radio stations WJAR, WHJJ, WPRI, WWBB, and WSNE, and on ribroadcasters.com. The church phone message will also contain information if the worship service is cancelled: 401-846-0643. If the service is not canceled, congregation members should make the decision to travel and find parking that is best for them and their mobility and health condition. We cannot guarantee that all walkways on the church property will be free of ice/snow.

ROUND ROBIN DINNERS
Sondra Gold is taking sign-ups during fellowship and via phone/email for the Round Robin potluck dinners. We hope you will join in. Potluck dinners will take place in people’s homes at 6:00 pm on 3 Saturdays: February 1st and 29th, and April 4th. Sign up Sundays in the Parish Hall, or contact Sondra Gold.

FOURTH ANNUAL DECADENT CHOCOLATE FEST
Sunday, February 16, during Fellowship, Parish Hall
During Fellowship on Sunday, February 16 we will hold our Annual Chocolate Fest. Bring a homemade or store-bought favorite chocolate dessert, candy or other decadent offering to share at Fellowship. The Chocolate Fountain will be flowing so anything that can be drenched in chocolate (fruit, marshmallows, graham crackers, gummy bears, maybe even broccoli!) No need to sign up...just come with your surprise chocolate offering and join in the fun.

OPEN-MIC AT CHANNING COFFEE HOUSE
Saturday, February 22, 7:00pm, Parish Hall
Join us for a "mostly originals" open-mic coffeehouse that includes both special guests and long-time favorites. Coffee and tea are served, and you’re invited to bring a dessert to share or a donation ($5 or more suggested) to support the church. Musicians interested in performing, contact facilitator, John Burnham, at coffeehouse@channingchurch.org in advance. The following month’s coffeehouse will take place on March 14th.

Save the Date!
The Learning Center Presents:
The Remarriage Manual:
How to Make Everything Work Better the Second Time Around
Wednesday, March 18, 7:00pm, Parish Hall
Local author and long-time Channing member Terry Gaspard, LICSW, will give a talk and sign copies of her new book, The Remarriage Manual: How to Make Everything Work Better the Second Time Around, on March 18th at 7pm in Parish Hall. A $5.00 donation is suggested to help defray costs. Refreshments will be served.