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### WEEKLY UPDATE

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***SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3 - WORSHIP SERVICE: 09:30 AM –  
PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER SCHEDULE TIME – 9:30 AM***



#### ***Feeling Welcomed with Rev. Bev***

Join Rev. Bev in the Chapel for a time of sharing your favorite reading, poem or story about *feeling welcomed*. What was your entry into a new place like? What happened that helped you feel a part of a new school, neighborhood, church or job? What poem or book expresses feeling welcomed to you?

Let's end the summer and prepare for the upcoming church year with a time of sharing what it means to you to feel welcomed. All readings, stories and poems welcomed. Whether they are funny or profound, self-written or a well-known classics, we want to hear your choice. Nothing comes to mind? That is ok, come anyways and hear from fellow parishioners, you never know how someone's words may spark your own discovery. All ages welcome to attend and participate in this spontaneously created time of inspiration.

***SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 – 10:30 AM  
INGATHERING WORSHIP SERVICE WITH WATER RITUAL***



Join Rev. Bev, Jenna (Director of Religious Education) and Kala (new Director of Music) for our multi-generational ingathering service including a water gathering ritual. **You are invited to bring a *small* amount of water to mingle in a common bowl.** This water, real or symbolic should represent a place or time that is meaningful to you. Whether you have been coming to UUCSW for a long time, a short time, or this is your first visit, you are welcomed here. Whether you come regularly or sporadically you are welcomed here. In addition to welcoming many of you back, we will be welcoming our new Music Director, Kala Farnham, on this her first Sunday with us.

## ***COME CELEBRATE 300 YEARS TOGETHER!***

**Westborough's TOWN BIRTHDAY PARTY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**



As you hopefully have already read in previous emails, UUCSW is CELEBRATING 300 years as a congregation along with the town.

Our annual In-Gathering Service will be held as usual at 10:30 am with a planned ending at 11:15 to allow for folks to move cars since Main Street will close at 11:30 am for the 1 pm parade.

### **UUCSW is planning to:**

1. March in the parade, carrying a banner and wearing UU T-Shirts
2. Host a lawn party for those who want to watch the parade rather than march.

### **What you can do to ensure a successful and fun day:**

#### **PLANS thus far:**

**MARCH** carrying a banner in the parade wearing UU T-shirts. WE WOULD LOVE A BIG CROWD participating in this way. OR

**MAKE MERRY**- enjoy a lawn party on the front lawn of the church with family friendly events. We are hoping to attract folks from the community too!! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

#### **CONTACTS for volunteering:**

Contact Jenna Kyes if you can bring/help with lawn games and face painting

Contact John Metzger or Jerry Breecher for any parade-related questions

Contact Lisa Shumway if you can bake chocolate chip cookies or donate 8 oz water bottles

Contact Kim Hall if you want to help sell popcorn and lemonade.

Contact Sharon Barrett if you can help with advertising

Contact Ann Maloney if you can help with plans for placing a geocache or time capsule.

Contact Rev Bev ([RevBevW@gmail.com](mailto:RevBevW@gmail.com)) for contact information for the above people.

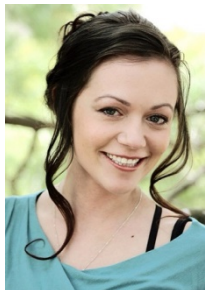
### ***REAP OF THE HARVEST - Sunday September 24th***



"Reap the harvest" at a special extended coffee hour after church, where we will hear more about the "seeds we planted" at the spring garden party/ice cream social. Please plan to stay as we kick off a year of engagement, a major theme that "grew out" of everyone's input!

## ***INTRODUCING KALA FARNHAM, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC***

**– COME MEET HER SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**



After weeks of advertising, interviewing and trial choir rehearsals, the Music Director Search Committee and Rev Bev are very happy to introduce you to UUCSW's new Music Director, Kala Farnham.

Kala is an award winning singer /songwriter /multi-instrumentalist. She brings a world of experience in many aspects of music such as a pianist, cantor, piano and guitar teacher, vocal coach, accompanist, composer, choir director and music theater director. Kala has studied music creation, music performance, and a variety of aspects of vocal performance.

When asked why she felt called to apply to be a music director at a Unitarian Universalist Congregation Kala said, "I believe music has a distinct power to unify us and elevate us to a spiritual state, and it's an honor for me to share the gift of music with others through my work as a director." Regarding Unitarian Universalism, she continued, "After being introduced to Unitarian Universalism by a friend I felt a strong resonance between my personal beliefs and Unitarian Universalism. That led me to the UUCSW congregation."

Please join Rev. Bev, the Search Committee and the UUCSW choir members in welcoming Kala on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about Kala visit her website at <http://www.kalafarnham.com>

## ***MAKING OUR SPACE MORE WELCOMING***



We got off to a great start last year making our space more welcoming. Summer services in the Chapel were cool and quiet (much better from when we had to run the Parlor's window unit and fans) with the new air conditioning units. Then last Spring we received the gift of new lights with dimmer switches in the Chapel – installation included! Well, we all know that once you start you see more and more things that you would love to do to complete the makeover.

In looking at the old, large, heavy pieces of furniture in the Ruggles Street foyer and the Chapel it seems that they are not necessarily the best functional items for us at this time. For example, a smaller table for the foyer with a drawer to store things that do not need to be on the top and the ability to slide the bright orange cones underneath or into the corner would clean up the area and clear the space needed for the lift door to open.

So here is what Rev Bev is asking of you at this time. **Please let us know if any of the large pieces of furniture currently in use at UUCSW has special meaning to you.** Let Rev Bev know directly or tag the item with a sticky note and your name and contact information. We are hoping to move the pieces we can no longer use out within the next two weeks. If we do not hear from anyone we will look for a charity that will accept the pieces as a donation. Thanks for helping us make UUCSW a more welcoming physical space for all!



## ***UUS AT LUNCH - Wednesday, September 13th***



It's time to gather once again for lunch and to share our summer time adventures. We will meet at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chateau on Route 9 westbound here in Westboro. All are welcome, and we hope many will join us for a pleasant get together after a long summer.

Please contact Mary Tribe (508) 329-1646, or e-mail: [marytribe5@gmail.com](mailto:marytribe5@gmail.com) by Saturday, September 9th, to let us know whether or not you will be coming, so we can make our reservations. Thank you.

## ***CHURCH DIRECTORY – available on UUCSW website***



As we all know member contact information changes all the time! Let Tracy know at ([uucswestboro@verizon.net](mailto:uucswestboro@verizon.net)) if your contact information has changed or you need the Member's password to access the Church Directory [Church Directory](#) on the UUCSW website. Please be sure to check the Church Directory before reaching out to others! Maybe their contact information has changed as well.