

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF BARNSTABLE  
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

# CHALICE

A NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF  
BARNSTABLE DEDICATED TO EDUCATING, INFORMING,  
AND INSPIRING OUR COMMUNITY.

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## Mission Statement of the Unitarian Church of Barnstable

Welcoming congregation of and for all ages.  
Working for justice and compassion in our world. Encouraging  
spiritual journeys and  
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## Religious Services | Sundays 10:30AM

April 7th A Celebration of Being Green

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper

April 14th What is the Purpose of Religion

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper

April 21st Passover Service

Rabbi David Freelund

April 28th "A Solution to Loneliness"

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper

**Rabbi David Freelund** has led the Cape Cod Synagogue since July 2005. Rabbi David currently serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod. Prior to coming to Cape Cod, he served Temple Emanu-El in Tucson, AZ. In 2001 he earned a MA in Hebrew Letters at Hebrew Union College -Jewish Institute of Religion. Earlier Rabbi David earned a BA in Religious Studies at University of Virginia with concentrations in Judaism and Buddhism. He lives here on Cape Cod with his wife of almost 28 years, Bettina. They have three adult children. With the start of the baseball season, he begins another of year of unrequited love for the New York Mets.

# Flowers for Sunday Services

We welcome your participation - you do not have to be a whiz at arranging flowers!  
If you would like to provide flowers or a plant in memory or honor of someone, or perhaps a celebration, please speak with Betsy Johnson to plan your date and tribute, or contact her at [bjohnson295@gmail.com](mailto:bjohnson295@gmail.com)



**Thank you to everyone who came out on Friday, March 22nd for the 2024 Multigenerational Talent Show Potluck! Thanks to all the helpers, to everyone who brought such yummy food to share and for all the amazing talent performed that night.**





# Kristen's Korner

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In a recent Cape Cod Times opinion piece, Larry Brown shares that “America doesn’t need an election next fall; we need an intervention. Our children aren’t stupid. They’re being screwed environmentally, economically, politically and socially—and they know it. But,..., we seem ready to sacrifice our own children, to hurl them into the ideological furnace of our national divisions. Long before the realization of this breaks our hearts, it will have already broken theirs.”

Brown blames the rise in anger and violence in our world on our divisiveness which has in turn, he argues raised the anxiety, depression and violence in our children. I am not sure I agree that this is the reason for the crisis in our children’s mental health but it may indeed be a contributing factor. If you ask me social media has a great deal to answer for, as does the gun lobby. That said the ideological divide is real and is causing a great deal of extra stress for many people. Is it possible for us to come closer as a nation, as a people, and make things work for everyone? What would this look like?

When I was first studying community organizing I learned that finding common ground on concerns isn’t that hard. As a member clergy of Fighting Against Injustice Towards Harmony, I gathered with Catholics, Baptists, Congregationalists, African Methodist Episcopalians, Methodists and Episcopalians to try to make some changes in the Daytona Beach Community. The first lesson I learned was start local. So often the large problems of the world seem too daunting to tackle and if we begin with what we see every day there was a greater chance of making a difference.

My second lesson was we need to get to know one another. It is easier to demonize strangers than it is those we know. We ate together a lot and spent many hours on many days talking one on one with people from different faith, political, economic and racial backgrounds. It was the first time many of the white people really got to know their Black neighbors.

The next lesson was to invite people to talk about what made them angry about their community. While the Unitarian Universalists were worried about climate change, the majority of the people of Daytona Beach, were worried about the revolving door of prisons. So, we voted to study why so many people were coming in and out of the prisons and discovered that drug addiction was one of the main culprits of crime, arrests, and imprisonment. While there was AA and NA in the jails there wasn’t any drug treatment.



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We then got all the churches together and had them each pledge a certain number of members to attend a public meeting where we invited local politicians to come. We told the politicians the problem and then gave them the suggestions we had for implementing drug treatment in the local prisons. We let them know if they had other suggestions we were open to hearing them but we came prepared with one solution. It worked. We got drug treatment in the local prisons and the recidivism rates dropped dramatically. We were successful.

The major problem with this organization was it asked me to leave much of what I valued at the door. Although our lead community organizer was Jewish, the churches involved were all Christian except the UU church and while they were interested in me as a Black woman they weren't interested in my faith. While we were tackling issues that were the results of racist policies and economic injustice, we didn't address racism or economic inequality. Most of the church leaders were homophobic and transphobic and a few didn't want to sit next to me when they found out I didn't believe in an anthropomorphic God.

What I think we don't have in this country is a genuine sense that diversity is actually our strength. That different view points, even political viewpoints, are a good thing. We don't realize how strong and creative our solutions can be if we listen to people with different cultural, social and religious backgrounds. We are also very insecure. We think that if someone is different than we are that takes away from who we are or will somehow impact who we think we are.

While I agree with Larry Brown that we need more mental health services in our schools—and in our communities, I think the intervention we need doesn't have to be drastic or dramatic. We need to embrace the power of the diversity behind the American myth that already says we are better because we are diverse. If we truly learn how to love what is different, to empower the differences within each other, than much of what we are fighting for and against will evaporate.

See you in Church!

Rev. Dr. Kristen L. Harper





# STEWARDSHIP OF UCB

## PLEASE DON'T KEEP US IN SUSPENSE!

We launched our Stewardship Campaign on March 10, and we request that all members and friends make their pledges of financial support by May for UCB's fiscal year 2025 which begins July 1, 2024. This will enable us to tally the results of the campaign and develop the operating budget which must be approved by vote of the congregation at our Annual Meeting in June.

Pledging is easy. Just send an email to our Treasurer, Dan Ewing and let him know the amount of your pledge by clicking here. Or if you prefer, you may call him at 781-801-2311 to request a pledge card that you can mail to UCB or put in the plate at a Sunday morning to make your pledge.

When you pledge, you are making a commitment to contribute a specific dollar amount to UCB by June 30, 2025, but payment does not have to be made immediately. You may fulfill your pledge in a variety of ways, including cash, check, credit card, or a gift of securities.

The important thing is that your payments be made in a manner that clearly identifies them as pledge payments. When making your pledge, please bear in mind that our pledge goal is approximately \$1,275 per member and do the best you can to help us meet that goal. You can follow our progress by visiting [www.barnstableuu.org/donate/Stewardship](http://www.barnstableuu.org/donate/Stewardship).

In the words of Maya Angelou

"When we give cheerfully and receive gratefully, everyone is blessed."

May this year's Stewardship Campaign be a blessing to us all.

Your Stewardship Committee Members: Janet Abbott, Phread Ayers,  
Kathy Bryan, Dan Ewing, Kim Hanggi, Connie Hinds.



If you personally know of someone looking for a "UU BnB" for a few nights or weeks in the mid-Cape area, please contact Lois Fournier  
[ldfournier@comcast.net](mailto:ldfournier@comcast.net)



# Parish Council News

The Parish Council coordinates and supports the activities of the Church's on-going ministry. It is also the forum for the development of new initiatives. It is comprised of committees grouped into six coalitions: Communications, Faith Development, Programs, Social/Environmental Justice, Membership, and Worship. Its members are the Minister, a representative from each coalition, and 2 at-large members.

The Council has a budgeted amount of money to allocate to committees for their work on behalf of our ministry. The Parish Council reports to the Governing Board. The Council sets up its own procedures, and meets once a month. At these meetings, committee coalitions interact to assure communication and unity of direction throughout the church. The Parish Council reports its activities and general plans to the Congregation.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

On Sunday April 28th Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper will give the sermon "A Solution To Loneliness".

After the service Parish Council will host Connection Conversations during Coffee Hour. This is fun social event that will give everyone the opportunity to learn more about

Committees, Groups, and Teams working to support our Beloved Community. Please share some time with us on April 28th. Together, we can find new ways to connect with each other and the UCB community.



### Member Bio: Carol Sim      Written by: Angela Patrick

I recently got to sit down with Carol Sims of Marstons Mills.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio but move to Woodbridge, CT. Carol studied nursing at Columbia University and was a registered nurse at Yale, New Haven. In 1995, she moved to the Cape to help open "Rehabilitation Hospital of Cape Cod and Islands" which is now Spaulding. In 2011, Carol moved to Florida and then was CEO at a hospital in Chattanooga, TN.

Upon retirement in 2020, Carol returned to the Cape where she has friends and relatives with ties to descendants of this historic area. It therefore, had a feeling of home. Carol joined the Unitarian Church of Barnstable in September 2023 as she and her family have a history with Unitarian Universalism most of her life.

Carol's hobbies include walking the canal and beaches as often as possible, kayaking, she loves Theater and music, plus she has recently taken up yoga. Carol also volunteers at Barnstable Neighbor 2 Neighbor and Cape Meals for Kids. She has adopted a rescue cat named Cooper! Carol has a cruise booked soon for a trip through Amsterdam and Brussels.

Carol has a busy and vibrant life, we are so fortunate to have her as a member of our beloved community.





# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF BARNSTABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM



During the month of March the children and youth program learned hymn #170 "We Are a Gentle, Angry People" and explored the meaning.

### **We are a justice-seeking people...**

The youth thought about what was important to them and made signs about it. This was a creative way for them to express themselves. The youngest children made Peace Pinwheels.

### **We are young and old together...**

Many adult volunteers came together as part of the programming on March 17th. We worked together and helped to support one another by playing games.

We spent some time listening to other people and getting a chance to speak up and be heard. These are all important things to remember when we are in multi-generational spaces like at church.

### **We are a land of many colors...We are gay and straight together...**

### **We are a gentle, loving people...**

We learned about the word Intersectionality which explains how all of the different parts of a person combine to affect their life experiences and personal identity. Age, ability, skin color, religion, citizenship, body size, and culture all make up our personal identity and influence who we are and how we live. This idea not only helps us understand who we are; it can also help us think about how we relate to other people.

Jen Shattuck made this wonderful video showcasing the amazing work the children and youth program did this past month learning this beloved hymn.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE VIDEO ON YOUTUBE!](#)




## YOUTH GROUP DONATION DRIVE

At the end of April, our older youth, those in middle and high school, will be participating in Youth StreetReach which is a program that guides youth from our community in learning about and helping to serve those in our community who are unhoused with a meal and donations.

The youth group is asking you all to consider donating some money to go towards gift cards that we will purchase and hand out. They also will be collecting items that are desperately needed like toiletries, sunscreen, new underwear, new socks and baseball caps. There is a bin in the hall under the children and youth program's table clearly labeled for these donations. We will be collecting the donations up until April 19th.

There will also be a call to the congregation for help with food that will need to be supplied for the breakfast we are serving on April 20th. If that sounds like something you would want to help with then please email Dawn: [dcym@barnstableuu.org](mailto:dcym@barnstableuu.org).

FUN FOR AGES 11-100



THE FULLY IMMERSIVE SPACESHIP BRIDGE SIMULATOR

**THE COSMOS IS CALLING: ANSWER IT!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11th ■ 5 PM - 8 PM**  
**AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF BARNSTABLE**

UCB's youth group is inviting anyone between the ages of 11 and 100 to help turn our hall into a spaceship's bridge! This will be a fun opportunity for you to take on the job of Captain, Helm, Science, Communication, Engineering, or Weapon Control. Help us operate the ship together, and defend the cosmos by building real-world connections!

All attendees will need to have a Windows laptop to play the game.

# Fire Safety Updates from the UCB Safety Committee



Your Safety Team: Martha Campbell, Meredith Censullo, Chris Hammond, Ryan Smee & Lucy West

*We care about you!*

If you have any suggestions for our team, please contact Martha Campbell at [mlcpiper@comcast.net](mailto:mlcpiper@comcast.net) or speak to her during coffee hour.

## CPR/AED & FIRST AID TRAINING AT UCB!

Keith Stranger, EMS Officer at the Barnstable Fire Department, will once again offer free CPR, Heart Defibrillator, and first aid training to our congregation.

Date: Saturday April 20 at 9:30 am

Place: Warren Hall

Limit: 25 persons (children 12 and over may attend)

Advance Registration is required

To register, please call (508-362-6381) or email ([ucb@barnstableuu.org](mailto:ucb@barnstableuu.org)) our office administrator, Chandra Bibeault. Please provide your name and your email address (so we can reach you if there is a last minute change; if you do not have an email address, please provide your telephone number).

This event has been organized by the Safety Committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of us!



## MAY 5TH - PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to make this church be your church? Do you want to explore the possibility of becoming a member- the process and commitments?

Then please join Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper for a discussion, Pathway to Membership on Sunday, May 5th at 12 noon. More info will be coming from the Membership Committee. Questions: contact Nancy Risio @ cell 401-212-6788.

## Brick Walkway News



The Brick Walkway: Finally there was a great day for brick installation and Lisa Handy's brick in memory of John Handy and Laura Lynch's family brick was installed. Also installed was Stan Kaczynski's brick in memory of his wonderful wife Terry Cummings. The bricks symbolize a footprint that you, your loved one, your event, your pet, or your group existed and somehow were connected to this wonderful church. If you are interested in getting a brick you can find out all about it on line when you go to the UCB website and scroll down to where it says Buy A Brick.

You can also talk with or email Elaine Brennan at [lifetapes@yahoo.com](mailto:lifetapes@yahoo.com).



# TOP OF THE HILL SCONES:

THIS IS JUST TO GET YOU THINKING ABOUT TASTING THE WONDERFUL **BLUEBERRY**, **CRANBERRY**, **GINGER**, **LEMON**, AND **CHOCOLATE CHIP** TOP OF THE HILL SCONES!



WE BEGIN THE SATURDAY OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AND SELL EVERY SATURDAY ALL THROUGH THE SUMMER AND FALL.

IT IS FUN, DELICIOUS, BUILDS OUR OWN COMMUNITY WITH EACH OTHER, AND GIVES UCB A PRESENCE IN BARNSTABLE VILLAGE AND ON CAPE COD. AND IMPORTANTLY, IT RAISES SIGNIFICANT FUNDS TO PAY OUR STAFF WHAT THEY DESERVE. WE HAVE VIDEOS ON OUR WEBSITE THAT SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE THE SCONES. THE RECIPES ARE TO BE KEPT SECRET AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE SCONE SQUAD AND NOT TO BE SHARED OUTSIDE WITH OTHER GROUPS. AS A MEMBER OF UCB YOU CAN GET THE RECIPES BY JOINING THE SCONE SQUAD AND THEN BAKING FOR SATURDAY'S TOP OF THE HILL SCONES WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE CONTRIBUTING.

TRY IT, YOU'LL LOVE IT. TALK WITH SOMEONE WHO IS ON THE SCONE SQUAD AND THAT'S ABOUT 40 WONDERFUL PEOPLE OR YOU COULD TALK WITH A SCONES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER: CONNIE HINDS, CAROL EWING, DAN EWING, CRYSTAL GIPS, SUSIE LITTLEFIELD, KIM HANGGI, SHARON MAROTTI, JANET ABBOTT (WHEN SHE'S BACK WITH US), OR ELAINE BRENNAN.





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EJ Mills Brennan of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
and Sharon Marotti of the Worship Committee



Vicki Goldsmith on flute and professional classical  
and jazz guitarist Jim Springer



Rev. Benjamin Cooley Hall and  
Susie Littlefield of the Worship Committee

## COFFEE TALK

Thanks to all the Coffee Hour hosts and snack makers!  
We appreciate you!

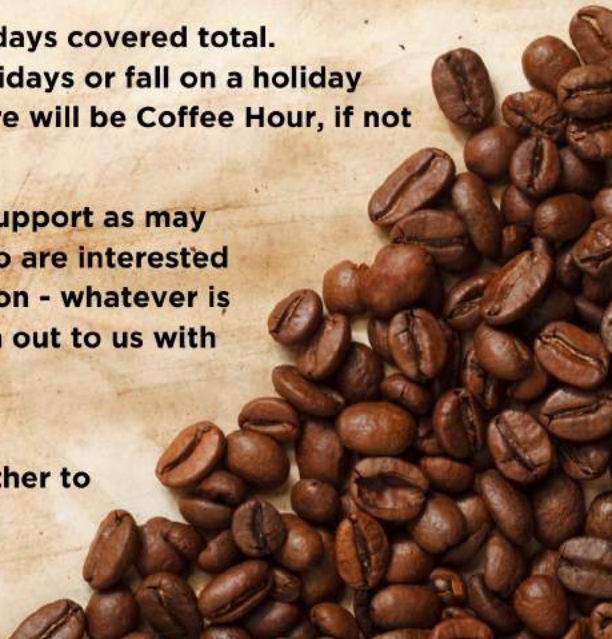
Hello everyone. After careful consideration, much discussion, and difficult decision making, UCB's Hospitality Team - Patty Kenyon and Jo Anne Miller Buntich - need to make changes to Coffee Hour. We cherish coffee hour and have each hosted two Sundays a month for many years. We will continue to host but in a reduced role.

Going forward we will each host one Sunday a month - two Sundays covered total. Coffee hour will no longer be scheduled on Sundays that are holidays or fall on a holiday weekend. The remaining Sundays are open. If folks can help there will be Coffee Hour, if not Coffee Hour will not happen on those Sundays.

We will gladly continue to keep supplies stocked, and provide support as may be needed. As always, we are ready to work with any and all who are interested in learning more about coffee hour hosting. Training, conversation - whatever is requested we will make happen. Our hope is that folks will reach out to us with offers to help and/or suggestions about how to go forward.

We wish we could talk to each of you individually about this.  
Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to find new ways to support this beloved community gathering.

Thank you! Patty and Jo Anne



# Church Officers and Committees

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