

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 thoughtful dialogue.

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Kristen L. Harper

Office Administrator: Chandra Bibeault

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Director of Children & Youth Ministry Dawn MacKechnie | DCYM@barnstableuu.org



Religious Services | Sundays 10:30AM

June 8th

"Have Pride"

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper



June 15th

Music Sunday

Director of Music: James Rosenblum and UCB Choir

June 22nd

General Assembly's Sunday Sermon with be
live-streamed into Warren Hall from 11:00-12:30pm

June 29th

"The Challenge of Making Meaning"
Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper



WARRANT OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, as a member of The Unitarian Church of Barnstable who is qualified to vote at a meeting of the Church, to meet on
Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 12 noon in Warren Hall, then to act upon the following:

Article I:

To elect officers (as defined in Article III of UCB's Constitution) to the offices indicated below (the persons listed below having been nominated by the Nominating Committee)

- Governing Board Michael Medeiros July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
- Governing Board Owen Fletcher July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
- Clerk Kim Hanggi July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Assistant Clerk Carol Ewing July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Treasurer Dan Ewing July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Assistant Treasurer Christine Marzigliano July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Assistant Treasurer Richard Negus July 1, 2025 - June 20, 2026
- Assistant Treasurer Chris Hammond July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Assistant Treasurer Sharon Marotti July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Moderator Kathy Bryan July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Alternate Moderator George Cavanaugh July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
- Nominating Committee Cherie Bryan July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

Article II: To approve the Operating Budget for FY July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Article III: To approve the installation of ceiling fans in the Sanctuary to promote cooling in the summer and to preserve heat in the colder months. The BOC will provide details.

Article IV: To hear a report from the Treasurer

Article V: To hear an update from Parish Council

Article VI: To hear a report from the Governing Board

Article VII: Pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the UCB Constitution, to vote on the removal of inactive members from the membership roll. The Clerk has consulted with the Minister and the Treasurer to compile a list of members who have not made a contribution of record for at least a year and have become out of touch with the church. These persons have received a letter from the Clerk asking about their membership status. The Clerk will read the names of those who have not responded.

Article VIII: To receive feedback from members of the congregation.

Governing Board Voting Members:

Patricia Kenyon, Chair

Mary Jane Beach, Vice Chair

Daniel Ewing, Treasurer

Rob MacNamee

Ralph Marotti

Nancy Risio

Kim Hanggi, Clerk



A Protest and a Party

By Hannah Roberts Villnave

PEOPLE SOMETIMES ASK:
IS PRIDE A PROTEST
OR A PARTY?
AND THE ANSWER IS
OF COURSE
YES.
AND WHY NOT?
WHY NOT
REJOICE AS WE RESIST
DANCE AS WE DEMAND CHANGE
CELEBRATE AS WE CREATE COMMUNITY THAT DELIGHTS IN

ALL OF WHO WE ARE?
SO BRING ALL OF THAT
WITH YOU THIS MORNING.
BRING YOUR POLICY DEMANDS
BRING YOUR GLITTER
BRING YOUR SUPREME COURT BROKEN HEART
BRING YOUR RAINBOW SOCKS
BRING THE EMPTINESS YOU FEEL
FOR OUR SIBLINGS GONE TOO SOON.
BRING YOUR GLORIA ESTEFAN REMIX
BRING YOUR TENDER HOPE FOR CHANGE
BRING YOUR MOST GARISH EYESHADOW
BRING YOUR SPIRIT, TATTERED AND BATTERED
BY A WORLD THAT SEEMS INSISTENT ON

CHOOSING FEAR AND HATE.
GATHER UP ALL THESE THINGS
AND BRING THEM HERE
TO A PLACE WHERE WE DON'T
HAVE TO SHOULDER THESE BURDENS
OR CELEBRATE THESE JOYS
ALONE.
COME, LET US WORSHIP
TOGETHER.

Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave's ministry reflects the places she lives and works, and she is passionate about building religious communities that are grounded in local context while holding a radical vision for a more just and compassionate world.

Born and raised as a UU in Racine, WI, Hannah's first taste of religious community was at Olympia Brown UU Church where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and was an all-around Church Nerd. Between her growing up years in Racine and today, Rev. Hannah has done everything from teaching middle school to packing boxes in a warehouse to working as a restaurant host. She eventually earned her Master of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and served from 2017-2022 as the settled minister at the UU Church of Cheyenne, WY.

Rev. Hannah lives in Appleton, WI with her wife, Catherine, and their two kiddos, Adah and Benjamin. With the two minutes each day they aren't working or parenting, they enjoy doing crosswords, sampling local food and beer, and cheering on the Baltimore Orioles.

hannah@fvuuf.org

WANT TO DECLUTTER AND EARN MONEY FOR YOURSELF & UCB? JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST-EVER... SCONES & TREASURES INDOOR MARKET!

Our only vendors will be you, our UCB Members and Friends. So, if you've been pondering how to part with that attic-full of artwork, tools, books, fine china, tuba parts, stamps, figurines, or other treasures, this is it!

Apply to be a seller: Grab an application in Warren Hall, or request one from Carla by emailing CarlaKoehl.ck@gmail.com or calling 508-202-5555. Then submit your completed application by emailing it to CarlaKoehl.ck@gmail.com, or by placing it in the "Vendor Submissions" box in Warren Hall. (First come, first served, so hurry!)



On Thursday June 19 and/or Friday June 20:

- You may bring in and set up your own wares anytime between 10am-4pm in Warren Hall. Volunteers will be on hand to help you both days.
- We'll supply the tables. If you like, we'll also show you how to accept credit card payments using just your smart phone.

On Saturday, June 21st:

- You staff your table and sell your wares at prices of your choosing.
- At the end of the event, you'll donate 30% of your proceeds to UCB.
- You'll then remove your unsold goods. (We'll be on hand to help you)

Why now? This event was inspired by the recent "Rightsizing Our Lives" sermon as a fun, festive alternative to our usual summer flea market. And, thanks to our amazing Scone Squad, all those scone-seeking customers (plus others!) on June 21st will be browsing your treasures!





TOP OF THE HILL SCONES IS OFF TO A TERRIFIC START! WE HAVE TWO NEW MEMBERS THAT JUMPED RIGHT INTO THE ACTION AND ADDED TO OUR WONDERFUL SUCCESS ON THE SATURDAY OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. WE ARE ALWAYS VERY HAPPY TO HAVE NEW MEMBERS ON THE SCONE SQUAD WHO LIKE TO BAKE AND CREATE OUR DELICIOUS SCONES AND/OR LIKE TO HELP SELL THE SCONES ON SATURDAYS FROM 9:30- NOON OR WHEN WE SELL OUT. COME AND CHECK US OUT AND DEMONSTRATE TO BARNSTABLE WHAT A FUN CREATIVE CHURCH WE ARE.





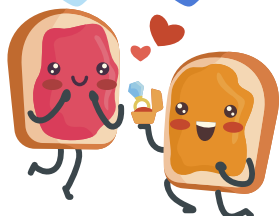
GREEN SANCTUARY

an Earth Care Project

By Susan
Brinckerhoff

Recently I read an article by Michael Cohen the “Climate Coach,” advice columnist for the Washington Post, about ‘why writing a letter to the future may help convince people to act on global warming across the political divide. For years, researchers and activists believed explaining the science of climate change had the power to rouse policymakers and the public to stop it. It hasn’t worked out that way.’ Cohen writes about a nonprofit Shrum and Jill Kubit co-founded, DearTomorrow, ‘that has prompted more than 5,000 people to produce letters, poems, illustrations and other personal reflections addressed to the future.’

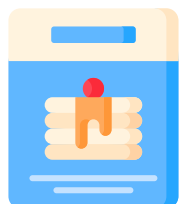
My own personal thoughts: I am 84. What would I write for my grandsons to read when they are 84 in 2082 and 2087. How much of the planet will be unlivable by then? How can I write anything except I am sorry that my generation messed up! I have tried to do as much as I can to live a sustainable life, even though I know I fall very short. And I don’t seem to be able to encourage many others to get on board. I encourage you to check out DearTomorrow . Read letters that others have written. Share your letter with me and I will see that it is printed in the Chalice. Can’t we all do better?



Peanut Butter and Jelly



Cereal



Pancake Mix



Spaghettios
or Ravioli



Juice



Diapers

COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

We are partnering with the Cape Cod Community Pantry for the month of June. The Pantry currently serves 13,351 clients, 30% of which are children. It is located at Lighthouse Landing, 845 Route 28, Units 14-16, South Yarmouth.

Items need to be new, unopened, and unexpired. Please help stock the shelves for those living on the Cape with food insecurity.

The Split Plate for June is Latinx in Action provides hope and services to immigrant families and individuals, including the newly arrived. The LatinX website describes their mission –

“Seeing the need for energetic work and no charge services, we formed our organization in order to offer common sense solutions. We have grown consistently since then, thanks to the support of this incredible community. Our amazing team of full-time and part-time volunteers are engaged in helping our clients We stick to our convictions and convert them into action. We are proudly immigrant led.”





Parish Council News

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE ANNUAL MEETING 2025

We use this update to remind the congregation that Parish Council, working with the Minister, supports and coordinates activities of the Church ministry through our committees, groups, and teams and is the forum for developing new initiatives. Current members are Elaine Brennan, Jo Anne Miller Buntich, Carol Ewing, Betsy Johnson, and Helen Matusow-Ayres. Nancy Risio is our Governing Board liaison. Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper and Director of Children and Youth Ministry Dawn MacKechnie complete this working group. Reach out to any one of us if you would like to know more. The following describes activities continued, completed, or initiated by our amazing Parish Council Committees, Groups, and Teams in support of our shared goals.

Thanks to all of you!

WORSHIP

Working with the Minister, several Parish Council groups support our Sunday services. The Worship Committee:

- supports the Minister in planning the content and structure of worship services to provide a positive spiritual experience for members, visitors, and guests alike.
- Members of this committee also find guest speakers for our pulpit to fill in when the Minister is away.
- Other duties include planning and conducting or facilitating occasional lay-led worship services, recruiting the head usher, and helping with practical matters.

The Minister of Music, the Choir, Head Usher, the Ushers, and the Flower Committee also support our Sunday Worship.

COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

- Parish Council met with the leaders of committees, groups, and teams supported by Parish Council at a Mini-Retreat on June 11th. We gathered to share and listen and begin to understand how best to support communication and coordination among Parish Council committees/groups/teams and describe what our plans are or will include. There was lots shared, lots heard, and many actions going forward. We are grateful for these dedicated and enthusiastic leaders!
- As required by the by-laws, Parish Council publishes activity updates in the Chalice and Weekly newsletters in addition to the annual report presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting.
- As we have in the past, we will meet to visit, listen, and share with the Governing Board after the holidays.

JUSTICE AND INCLUSION

Split Plate

- PC continues to thoughtfully select Split Plate recipients that are local and include elements of our 8th Principle in their mission.

Community Outreach

- Coordinate volunteers from the congregation to pack lunches one day a month for children who face food insecurity through Cape Kids Meals.
- Collect food for Yarmouth and Harwich Food Pantries
- Sell Barnstable Interfaith Council gift certificates. Five percent of these proceeds are dedicated to short-term help for their clients.
- Support organizations such as The Baby Center and Housing Assistance Corp. through gifts for families at the winter holidays; helping with yard work; sending Valentines to children at Angel House.

LGBTQUIA+ Justice

- Received our recertification as a Welcoming Congregation from the UUA. Thanks to Rev. Dr. Harper for her leadership in this effort.



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Environmental Justice

- Green Sanctuary continued to sponsor and host various events to further educate the congregation about best practices in support of the interdependent web of all existence.

Justice For All Team

- This year's focus areas are Racial Justice, Economic Justice, and Women's Reproductive Health.

Racial Justice

- Juneteenth Stand-Out. The Team has organized a robust standout program for Thursday June 19th in honor of Juneteenth and Racial Justice. This event responds to the ongoing assaults on justice from the Republican Administration.
- The Big Read Poetry Reading and Open Mic, led by Helen Matusow-Ayres was quite successful. Inspired by Claudia Rankine's book *Citizen: An American Lyric* as part of the Cape wide project *The Big Read - The Arts & Justice Collective*, this event took place on Friday, March 14 in Warren Hall. The readings explored the theme *Where We Live*. Local poets Tamora Israel, Tanoa Vaughn, Kristen Harper, and Bobbi Rose Brown presented their work. An Open Mic followed the readings. We welcomed many folks to UCB who had not visited us in the past. The event was an opportunity for UCB to connect with the local justice community and for the local justice community to get to know UCB.

Economic Justice

- Continue to sell Caring Cards grocery certificates to the congregation. Five percent of those proceeds go to HAC for client car repairs, rent, housing, and utility bills.
- Each month a group of volunteers, led by Ruth Owen, provide a full meal to St. Joseph's House for their clients.

Respectfully submitted by Parish Council with gratitude,

Elaine Brennan

Jo Anne Miller Buntich, Coordinator

Carol Ewing

Betsy Johnson

Helen Matusow-Ayres

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper, Minister

Dawn MacKechnie, Children and Youth Ministry

Nancy Risio, Governing Board liaison



Carol Wall is 90!



Join us for a musical afternoon celebration in Warren Hall on Saturday June 7th , from 1-3 pm.
If you have not sent an RSVP via evite, please RSVP to Sue at suzanneleewall@msn.com or text or call 206-465-8728.

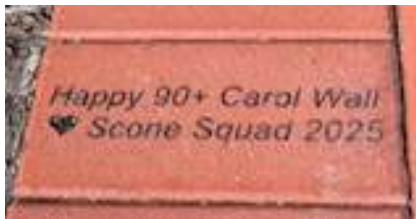
Carol says "no presents!" But she welcomes a gift made in her name to UCB or to Planned Parenthood.

Poetry Sunday: Abraham Lincoln Brigades by Suzanne Wall

Many of you asked about learning more about the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, following my reading of the song "Bleeding Hearts" by Si Kahn on Poetry Sunday.

More than 3,000 Americans volunteered with international brigades to fight fascism in Spain during the Spanish Civil War, 1936-39. You may know about the war from the Hemingway book or film "For Whom The Bell Tolls", or the Picasso painting of the bombing of Guernica. These volunteers were ordinary people doing an extraordinary thing, as the US and European countries declined to help Spain. As we face threats to democracy in our time, I find myself thinking about the Lincoln Brigade veterans I knew in the 1980s, volunteering for peace in Central America.

There's a great online resource, including lesson plans for teachers, biographies, love letters and songs, events and films at the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives . Meet some of these extraordinary people in documentary narrated by Studs Terkel, The Good Fight on you tube. Wonderful music and powerful stories!



BRICK WALKWAY UPDATE

We have 3 new bricks recently installed on our Brick Walkway. Carol Wall has a brick between the two lampposts as you enter from the parking lot; strategically placed for all to see when we are selling scones as Carol is one of our prolific bakers. The Wheelers have a brick between the two lampposts as well. Don Merino has a brick along the right edge of the first garden near the Sanctuary door, we miss you Don. Come walk with UCB and buy a brick! It's easy...go to the UCB website and scroll down to "Buy a Brick". You can also pick up a red folder that says Brick by Brick or talk to Patty or Scott Kenyon and of course our wonderful Office Administrator Chandra Bibeault can also help.



Church Officers and Committees

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Patty Kenyon, Chair
Mary Jane Beach, Vice-Chair
Clerk - Kim Hanggi
Treasurer – Dan Ewing, ex-officio voting member
Rob MacNamee
Ralph Marotti
Nancy Risio

CHURCH OFFICERS

Governing Board Chair –Patty Kenyon
Moderator - Kathy Bryan
Assistant Moderator - George Cavanaugh
Clerk - Kim Hanggi
Assistant Clerk - Carol Ewing
Treasurer – Dan Ewing
Assistant Treasurer(s) - Christine Marzigliano,
Richard Negus, Chris Hammond, Sharon Marotti

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Capital Projects and Investments
Long-Range Planning Committee
Nominating Committee
Personnel Committee
Building and Operations Committee
Safety Committee

MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper
Small Group Ministry: Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper
Committee on Ministry: Allyson Bizer Knox

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PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE, GROUP, & TEAM LEADERS

Communications:

Website: Chris Hammond
Chalice: Sarah Beal-Fletcher
Facebook: Jo Anne Miller Buntich, Susan Starkey

Flowers: Betsy Johnson

Hospitality: Jo Anne Miller Buntich, Patty Kenyon

Justice for All: Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper

Library: Carolyn Barnes

Membership: Carol Ewing

Music: James Rosenblum, Music Director

Outreach: Gayle Leaversuch, Sally Tarbell, Helen Matusow-Ayres

St. Joseph's House: Ruth Owen

Barnstable Interfaith Council: Janet Abbott

WomanSpirit: Karen Birely

Worship: Vicki Goldsmith

THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM TEAM

Dawn MacKechnie, Director of Children & Youth Ministries
Allyson Knox
Mary-Jane Beach
Sarah Secules Smee
Ryan Smee
Christine Bockmann
Michael Medeiros
Jen Shattuck

Submitting Material

Please email submissions to:

chalice_ed@barnstableuu.org

If you do not have access to email, please give your submission to the office manager.

**Deadline for the Summer
Chalice is June 23rd**

