Mission Statement of the Unitarian Church of Barnstable

A welcoming congregation of and for all ages.

Working for justice and compassion in our world.

Encouraging spiritual journeys and thoughtful dialogue.

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Parish Council Update

This letter was sent to the Committees that Parish Council supports. Our hope is to renew and broaden UCB’s commitment to justice through the Committee work that touches so many aspects of our church community. Greetings from Parish Council.

We hope your journey through these difficult times is going reasonably well. It has been a long haul but with the advent of the vaccines we now see a path to less restricted times.

Parish Council reaches out to check in with you and the Committee you represent to see how you are doing and make a request – more on that later. With an eye toward a return - in the not too distant future - to a less restricted church life, our goal is to spark a renewal for Committees as they return to their activities.

Parish Council meets regularly via Zoom each month. One consistent topic of discussion over these past months has been justice initiatives at UCB. We have discussed how our Social Justice component has several parts – Welcoming Congregation, Green Sanctuary, community outreach, and now racial justice. The Social Outreach label itself perhaps needs a little re-thinking.

This quieter time provides space to consider how UCB can affirm and demonstrate our commitment to justice work in our church community and in the larger community. There are many ways UCB has done this in the past and present. Our certification as a Welcoming Congregation and a Green Sanctuary; our social outreach to address food insecurity through our decades long commitment to St. Joseph’s House and also the BIC card program, are all important justice initiatives involving many Committees, members, and friends. The events of the last few years have created a new commitment to racial justice and inspired many at UCB to commit to action for this work.

During this time when we cannot attend Sunday services, enjoy coffee hours, church fairs, pot lucks and other events, we have some space for reflection, assessment, and renewed commitment to justice initiatives.

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**A reminder**  
All who have indicated that they wish to receive the Chalice by email are sent a link to it each month. Please call the office to request changes.

Deadline for the March Chalice is February 18.

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**Religious Services**

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Now to our request - Parish Council asks that each of you, with your Committee, take stock the ways you presently support and promote justice initiatives. We encourage everyone to carefully view their UCB Committee work through the lens of justice. We believe that the all UCB's justice work may not readily apparent. It is important to recognize existing initiatives as well as plan for new ideas. Let us know your thoughts on how your Committee’s work already relates to justice.

The responses will be as diverse as our Committees are. Book and study discussions, outreach work, caring for church members, targeted fund raising efforts, supporting women owned and BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) businesses, racial and environmental justice, personal initiatives, and other work – are all justice work whether within our UCB community or in our larger community.

A second part of our request is that you and your Committee develop ways to increase your commitment to justice through your Committee work. Again this will be a reflection of your Committee’s mission within the church and will be various and wonderful. We ask that you respond with the outcome of your justice discussions by March 8. If you would like to arrange a Zoom Committee meeting, we are happy to arrange that. Parish Council looks forward discussing how to support and coordinate your responses at our March meeting.

Thank you for all you do for the UCB community and the larger community.

Peace,  
Jo Anne Miller Buntich  
Karen Birely  
Meredith Censullo  
Bob Leaversuch  
Susie Littlefield  
Mike Lorenz
Rev. Dr. Harper’s Sabbatical Plans For 2021

From February 16, 2021 until March 11, 2021, Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper will be taking her sabbatical leave. The following information will help our members and friends understand the sabbatical concept, the specific plans that have been put in place for coverage during the minister’s absence, and some information about the Sabbatical Committee.

What is a sabbatical?

A Sabbatical is a very old concept that recognizes the difficult and consuming work of ministry and the need that it creates for renewal and reflection. The root of the word Sabbatical is “Sabbath” a scriptural term meaning the day of rest after 6 days of work and many Unitarian Universalist congregations grant their minister six months of sabbatical time every six years. The goal of sabbatical is the renewal of the minister’s outlook, new directions of thought and growth of vision. The plan for the sabbatical at The Unitarian Church of Barnstable, was developed by the minister in accordance with the following from our Congregation’s Letter of Agreement with Rev. Dr. Kristen L. Harper:

“The Minister shall use sabbatical leave for study, education, writing, meditation, and other forms of professional and religious growth. Sabbatical leave accrues at the rate of one month per year of service, with leave to be taken after seven years but before eleven years of service. No more than four months of sabbatical leave may be used within any twelve-month period, and sabbatical leave may not be used in conjunction with vacation.”

Will there be a Sabbatical Minister during this time?

Yes, The Rev. Edmund Robinson, has agreed to serve as the Sabbatical minister during the February-May 2019 sabbatical leave period. The Rev. Edmund Robinson was minister of the UU Meeting House in Chatham for almost twelve years, as well as three other congregations before that. He attended Harvard Divinity School where he received his M.div. in 1999. Before entering the ministry, Rev. Robinson was a trial lawyer. He lives in Brewster with his wife, Jacqueline Schwab, a pianist. He will be preach-

What is the Sabbatical Committee?

The Sabbatical Committee is working with Rev. Harper to identify coverage needs while she is away. The Committee will also support Rev. Robinson in observing anything that might need ministerial attention. They will meet with him monthly for support and counsel. The members of the Sabbatical Committee are: Joel Chaison, Cyn Hickey, Mark Nichols, Sheila Place and Susan Starkey. We are grateful for their service.

Please feel free to speak to me about any concerns you may have.

Warmly,
Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper
April Fundraiser

Our fundraiser scheduled for mid-April needs your involvement in several ways if we are to be successful.

First, a reminder that the activity is the collection of fabric goods and other wearables to be sold to Savers in bulk. Requirements regarding the contributions have changed: Savers will accept only salable items—clothing, shoes and boots, belts, hats, gloves, etc., and household items such as towels, bedding, pillows, curtains, etc. The operative word here is SALABLE. The items should also be clean.

We will collect goods on Saturday-Monday, April 10, 11, and 12.

Now how can you help?

1. Donate the above goods in plastic bags, in either kitchen bag size or yard bag size with the bags tied closed. Everyone can spread the word on this activity to the non-UCB community. It is a good opportunity for your friends, neighbors, and family to clean out their closets and stored soft goods, particularly since the collection is happening at the time of the change of seasons.

2. Offer your garage as a collection location for those three days and the 13th when the bags will be hauled away. (We cannot use the church as a drop-off location.) We have one garage in South Yarmouth. Another in Barnstable, Centerville, or Yarmouth Port is essential.

3. Staff a collection location for 2-3 hours on one or more of those days to keep a tally of incoming bags and hand out receipts. A person to pile up the bags at each location is also essential.

4. Pick up donations from people who are physically unable to handle the bags and bring them to the drop off locations.

5. Load the bags onto the truck on April 13th.

6. Travel in the truck in the morning of April 14th to unload the bags at Savers in Plymouth.

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Crystal Gips at 518-527-0768 or crystal.gips@yahoo.com. This very short term activity is a good way to augment our revenue stream in this time when plate donations are low. And you benefit by getting rid of goods you no longer want.

An electronic poster will be made available soon for the purpose of sharing with others.

Crystal Gips

Safety Team

As directed by the Governing Board, the Safety Team has drafted an emergency management plan for UCB. The purpose of the plan is to help our congregation be prepared to respond to various emergencies, such as fire, medical and threatening persons. The plan received a positive response from the Governing Board and will next be reviewed by Parish Council. Once we incorporate their comments, we look forward to sharing the plan with the congregation.

As always, please contact any safety team member with questions or concerns.

Steve Berglund, Chris Hammond, Rev. Kristen Harper, Jackie Ramirez-Frasier, Nancy Risio and Lucy West.
The Eccentric and Generous Dr. Abner Hersey

It is believed that the first cash bequest received by our church came from the estate of Dr. Abner Hersey upon his death in 1787.

Abner Hersey was born in Hingham, MA in 1721 and was said to have received very little formal education. Up until the age of eighteen he worked with his father in farming and in 1740 he moved to Barnstable to study medicine under his older brother James, who was an established and highly respected physician. Abner would train for only one year before taking over his brother's practice following James's early death at the age of 24 on 22 July 1741.

Dr. Hersey married Hannah Allen from a very prominent Barnstable family on 03 October 1743. They would have one daughter, Mary, who died when she was six years old in 1756. Dr. Hersey was widely regarded as an eccentric, but most remarkable, man. Despite his limited training and education his excellence as a doctor was recognized along the entire Cape. His practice extended throughout the county, then consisting of a population of about seven to eight thousand residents.

He was a vegetarian and a teetotaler and his style of dress was also considered to be unusual for the period; his clothing described as large, loose and lined with baize. (A coarse woolen fabric, frequently green in color and often used for the tops of billiard and card tables and writing desks.) For stormy weather he had a great coat made from seven calf skins. He was said to generally wear huge cowhide boots, home-made breeches, coat and waistcoat lined with baize with a shirt of the same cloth and a red buff cap.

Dr. Hersey was also said to have been a chronic hypochondriac, often believing that he had developed the same symptoms as the patients he was treating. He was known to always have twelve heavy woolen blankets on his bed, using only one in the summer but gradually pulling up the others, one by one, as the weather grew colder.

The Hersey farm contained about 75 acres of planting land, and Dr. Hersey was probably the first farmer on the Cape to utilize crop rotation to make his land more productive by allowing areas to regularly lie fallow. In his will he established strict limitations on how often crops could be planted on specific parcels of land.

Dr. Abner Hersey died on 09 January 1787. Leaving an estate inventoried at 3,798 pounds sterling with a thriving well-kept farm and extensive woodlands among other properties. In his will he bequeathed 500 pounds to Harvard College for the endowment of a professorship of physic and surgery. Upon the death of his wife Hannah, income from the remainder of his estate was to be divided among the 13 congregational churches on Cape Cod. The actual percentage going to each church was said to have been determined by the amount he had earned from his medical practice from each community. Our church, which he attended faithfully, received the largest portion.

The money was to be used for purchasing seven specific books of a religious nature, including: Dr. Doddridge's Rise and Progress of Religion and Dr. Evans' Sermons on the Christian Temper, etc. The ministers of the churches were given the responsibility for distributing the books and would eventually be allowed to use the money to purchase other books on religious subjects.

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After Hannah Hersey’s death in 1794, the farm management was turned over to the deacons of the several churches, who unfortunately did away with Dr. Hersey’s carefully planned and successful crop rotation practices. During their years of supervision, productivity from the farm’s soil was greatly diminished and necessary repairs and taxes absorbed nearly all that was obtained from property rentals and the sale of wood.

With less income being earned from the property the deacons grew tired of the work and responsibility involved in managing the estate and petitioned the legislature to allow them to sell the land. This request was approved on 12 February 1816 after the deacons reached an agreement for the churches to share a portion of the income realized with Dr. Hersey’s legal heirs, the children of his sisters Rachel and Molly. Dr. Hersey’s estate was sold at auction in October 1816. We have not been able to locate any information regarding the exact proceeds of the auction or the amount received by our church.

Lowell Massey

The Barnstable Patriot columns “Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families” by Amos Otis was the primary source of information for this article
Member C.L. Fornari

Meet C.L. Fornari, who surely has one of the greenest thumbs in our congregation.

She describes herself as a garden communicator: “I write books about plants and gardens, do freelance articles for plant and trade publications, and speak about gardening nationwide. I host a weekly radio show (Saturdays from 8 to 10 a.m. on WXTK, 95.1 FM) and co-host a podcast (Plantrama), and have worked for Hyannis Country Garden since 1995.”

C.L. was born in Colorado, spent most of her younger years in the Midwest, graduated from high school in Stevens Point, Wisconsin and then went on to the University of Wisconsin where she majored in art.

She did work for many years as an artist, “first in fiber and later doing photo-generated collage work on paper.”

In 1993 when she and her husband Dan (a marine geologist who works at Woods Hole) moved to the Cape she was ready for a change. Since C.L. had always been a gardener she looked for a book about gardening here, she said, “and there wasn’t one. So I decided to write one.” That was The Cape Cod Garden, published in 1996 and the first of her nine books so very useful to anyone who wants to grow their own vegetables and flowers here.

C.L. has been a member of UCB church since 1994. She wanted to join a spiritual and ethical community, she said, “and after visiting a few possibilities I found that I felt most at home at the UU church of Barnstable.” She often hosts a fundraiser for UCB at her gardens and yearly delivers a brilliant sermon relating to plant and human growth.

She and Dan live in Sandwich. They have two adult sons, one in Pennsylvania and one in California. They have a 4-year-old grandson and expect a granddaughter in May.

Art is still part of C.L.’s life. She likes to create graphics and artwork using Photoshop, she said, and “I also love walking the dog, reading and cooking.”

With all that’s going on in our world today, is she optimistic or pessimistic?

“I’m an optimist by nature. I think that there have always been challenges and changes in the world and some form of these will always be with us. I wish that we humans didn’t feel so compelled to repeat the same mistakes again and again. But when faced with the choice of being optimistic or pessimistic, what do I have to lose by choosing optimism?”

Dick LeGrand

Church Life

Winter Walking Group

Due to the combination of cold weather and a more contagious virus among us I am suspending the walking group until April.

Ruth Owen

First Friday Dinners for St. Joseph’s Homeless Shelter

We are continuing with our commitment to provide dinner for approximately 50 guests at St. Joseph’s shelter in Hyannis. I want to give a HUGE Thank You! to our volunteers for February, Lucy West, June Begins and Nancy Risio. We still need a few volunteers for March.

Due to the pandemic we are no longer able to cook in the shelter’s kitchen. It also might be daunting for some people to cook a meal for 50-60 people by themselves so we have streamlined the process a bit. We will make the same meal each month.

Volunteers receive instructions for a pasta, meatball and cheese casserole that is easy, affordable and seems to be well received by the folks at St Joseph’s. A meal for 50-60 people is the equivalent of six lasagna size foil pans of food. So, volunteers have the flexibility to sign up for whatever number of pans they are comfortable with. You make the food and put it in the fridge. I will arrange with you to make sure it is delivered on the morning of the first Friday of the month.

Volunteers are also needed for dessert. You can use your creativity or - if you only want to do part of it - I can give you a pan and some brownie mix. So, check your calendars and email ruthaowen1@gmail.com. Let me know if you would like to do all, or part of the main dish or the dessert.

Ruth Owen
The COVID19 pandemic has shaken our world. We are afraid to get close together like we used to, and like we want to, with friends in churches and other public places. We are afraid to travel if it means being close together indoors near strangers. And yet, we can't stand to be apart. The pandemic loneliness is as unbearable as our fear of the contagion. We are social beings.

As a physician focused on public health and wellness promotion, I've struggled with how to help guide people to stay safe during this troubled time. This SARS CoV-2 is causing a terrible illness. Some may have a mild course or not even realize they are infected, but up to 20% have symptoms similar to chronic fatigue syndrome or worse that linger for months. Over 400,000 of our fellow citizens have died from this illness. We don't want to get it if at all possible. Some advice we know well-wear a mask if around others outside your own household, be attentive to personal and surface hygiene, stay at least 6 feet apart from others, stay home if you don't feel well. And now, as soon as we can find it, get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Other advice involves making the invisible, visible. How can a breath of air be deadly? If it carries SARS CoV-2 viral particles in a high enough concentration that an individual's defenses cannot block them. Air does not need to be shared from a cough or a sneeze-which would be a warning sign-to contain an infectious viral load. Experts now think that at least 50% of infections are passed between people with no symptoms. The viral particles can travel and stay airborne in normal speech or in a shared song or in cheers at a sports event. The airborne particles stay aloft longer in the dry air of winter and can travel through ductwork in a ventilation system of a large building.

Initially, our national public health experts did not advise us to wear masks. However, this guidance was added early in April by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC sets the standard for all our state and county departments of public health and released their first mask mandate April 2. The evidence for the benefit from masking has only become stronger with time.

As the numbers of cases rose, the characteristics of the environments at most risk for viral spread became clear: indoors, crowded, poorly ventilated. Places with outdoor air pollution led to higher risk of severe infection. Individuals with baseline health challenges particularly respiratory problems, diabetes or heart disease, had a tougher time if they developed COVID pneumonia in addition to their other conditions.

There is an interesting silver lining: If we improve indoor air quality- not only will we be safer from the COVID 19 virus, we will create healthier indoor environments relative to other health risks- the flu, allergies, asthma, auto-immune disease, sick building syndrome from mold- and more. BEFORE the COVID 19 pandemic, indoor air in general was considered 2-5 times more polluted than outdoor air. As US residents, most of us spend 90% of our time indoors- this is not a good starting point for staying healthy. Indoor air should be exchanged with outdoor air a minimum of 4 times/hour and more is better if the room is crowded- such as a classroom. Proper ventilation rates to keep the concentration indoors of C02 in a healthy range (400-1000ppm) also helps us think more clearly. Filters can be added to ventilation systems to help purify the air and UV lights can be added to kill bacteria and virus or mold particles, depending on the type of HVAC system and building design and use of the space. Other types of air purifiers use charged particles such as hydrogen peroxide to help inactivate airborne micro-organisms or mold. Even running exhaust fans in bathrooms or kitchens can help move stagnant air outdoors and improve indoor air quality in some situations. Sunlight can help inactivate the COVID19 virus. In order to measure the impact of efforts to improve indoor air, air quality monitors are a useful addition to insure the air quality goals are met. Two very useful and complete sources for guidance for indoor air safety during this pandemic are the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/technical%20resources/covid-19/ashrae-covid19-infographic-.pdf

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But what does this have to do with the UU 7th Principle and what is Ubuntu? We share the same air with each other and with other living things. Almost as if we are one organism. What I breath out, you may breath in. We are definitely, biologically speaking, part of an “interconnected web of life.” The South African concept of Ubuntu sounds like a rephrasing of our 7th Principle: Ubuntu was discussed on a recent Public Radio “Living on Earth” program during which the South African physician, Dr. Mamphela Ramphele was interviewed. She explained that Ubuntu can be translated as "I am, because you are." In other words, when embracing Ubuntu, I am saying to you: I will do everything that I know you need to thrive so that you can do the same to me, because the best life insurance for any species in an ecosystem is contributing usefully to the well being of other living species.” This pandemic has only highlighted the importance of these two very similar philosophies. [https://www.loe.org/shows/segments.html?programID=21-P13-00004&segmentID=5](https://www.loe.org/shows/segments.html?programID=21-P13-00004&segmentID=5)

Some experts on emerging infectious diseases feel that this coronavirus jumped from animals to humans because we are not treating animals with care and respect and have damaged or destroyed their native habitats. In the “wet market” in Wuhan, China, wild animals were living in horrible, squalid, crowded conditions in captivity to be used for food. That is where the COVID19 pandemic is thought to have started. Other crowded markets or ranches in many places around the world may exploit animals for fur or specific body parts. [https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/new-york-live-animal-wet-market-coronavirus-wildlife-pandemic-disease-a9500796.html](https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/new-york-live-animal-wet-market-coronavirus-wildlife-pandemic-disease-a9500796.html)

With this lack of care and respect for our fellow creatures, we should expect to see other pandemics emerge after the current COVID19 pandemic tapers off. Respect for the interconnected web of life and “Ubuntu” require that we care for each other and for all living things. We are one living community. We share one breath.

Jane Ward

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The Hill We Climb
Amanda Gorman’s Inaugural Poem

When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade
We’ve braved the belly of the beast
We’ve learned that quiet isn’t always peace
And the norms and notions
of what just is
Isn’t always just-ice
And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it
Somehow we do it
Somehow we’ve weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn’t broken
but simply unfinished
We the successors of a country and a time
Where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single mother
can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one
And yes we are far from polished
far from pristine
but that doesn’t mean we are
striving to form a union that is perfect
We are striving to forge a union with purpose
To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and conditions of man
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us
but what stands before us
We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,
we must first put our differences aside
We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another
We seek harm to none and harmony for all
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
That even as we grieved, we grew
That even as we hurt, we hoped
That even as we tired, we tried
That we’ll forever be tied together, victorious
Not because we will never again know defeat
but because we will never again sow division
Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine
and fig tree
And no one shall make them afraid
If we’re to live up to our own time
Then victory won’t lie in the blade
But in all the bridges we’ve made
That is the promised glade
The hill we climb
If only we dare
It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit,
it's the past we step into
and how we repair it
We’ve seen a force that would shatter our nation
rather than share it
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy
And this effort very nearly succeeded
But while democracy can be periodically delayed
it can never be permanently defeated
In this truth
in this faith we trust
For while we have our eyes on the future
history has its eyes on us
This is the era of just redemption
We feared at its inception
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves
So while once we asked, how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
Now we assert
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was but move to what shall be
A country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free
We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation
because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation
Our blunders become their burdens
But one thing is certain:
If we merge mercy with might, and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright
So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west,
we will rise from the windswept northeast where our forefathers first realized revolution
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern states,
we will rise from the sunbaked south
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover and every known nook of our nation and every corner called our country, our people diverse and beautiful will emerge, battered and beautiful
When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it
If only we’re brave enough to be it

Amanda Gorman

Amanda Gorman is the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history, as well as an award-winning writer and cum laude graduate of Harvard University, where she studied Sociology. She has written for the New York Times and has three books forthcoming with Penguin Random House.
Church Committees and Officers

February 2021

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Music: Elizabeth Bader, Kitty Lorenz, Christine Marzigliano, Robert Mesrop, Mark Nichols

Social Outreach: Outreach Activities, Sue Volotta; St. Joseph’s House, Ruth Owen; Fair Trade Coffee, Steve Kramer, Amy Peters; Barnstable Interfaith Council/Housing Assistance Corp., Janet Abbott, Carol Cahoon

WomanSpirit: Karen Birely

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