



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin, NH Spectacles JULY 2022

From Our Minister



Dear Ones,

At the Annual Picnic, I mentioned the Action of Immediate Witness passed nearly unanimously by the UUA's General Assembly last week, in anticipation of Roe v. Wade being overturned.

As you waded through the many feelings, particularly of rage and fear but also perhaps of numbness, that you may be feeling in response to this devastating news, I encourage you to look to this statement for inspiration and for direction.

<https://www.uua.org/files/2022-06/2022%20AIW%20We%20Do%20Not%20Consent.pdf>

We are not in this struggle alone, and as people of faith there is much we can do. This is a start.

On **Sunday, July 31, at 4 pm**, *All We Can Save* book discussion group members are invited to gather at Mary's to make pizza and reflect on how our relationships to food sustain us in the work of climate justice. This will be an evening of connection and ritual, to structure and strengthen our time together.

We will be doing Make Your Own Pizza in the pizza oven. Each attendee is to bring at least one topping to share, following this very important rule: **You or someone you know must have grown or produced this ingredient.** You should be able to tell a story about the specific food that you bring.

The event will be BYOB. Please RSVP to let us know who will be there. When you have an idea of what topping you can bring, please share that as well so that we can ensure that the basics are covered.

Please note that due to limitations of space, this event is for the *All We Can Save* discussion group only and not the entire congregation. But as always, I am hoping we can take some ideas and inspiration back to the rest of the congregation.

I am excited to see what might emerge from this embodied and grounded experiment in "pizza church."

Blessings on your summer,
Rev. Ariel

2022-23 Parish Committee Members:

Kim Donovan, Chair
Erin Metcalf, Clerk
Cindy Clarenbach, Treasurer
Lisa West
Gail Morrison



We are in need of someone to oversee rentals of our building space. This would include speaking to folks who are interested in renting, showing them the space if they are unfamiliar with it, reviewing and obtaining a signed rental agreement, collecting the fee, and arranging for opening and closing the building the day of the rental. **We have received a rental request for September and need someone to facilitate that.** Please email Cindy, hope@metrocast.net to let her know you would be happy to take on this important task.



UUCF is looking for a nurturing, enthusiastic person to provide childcare during our Sunday services for approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours starting in September. \$25 per Sunday. Please contact Cindy at hope@metrocast.net.



Dear Pat and Members of the UU Congregation:

Your generosity continues to be a blessing to this organization! Thank you for providing 28 pounds of nonperishable food items to stock our shelves. We are serving an average of 100 households each week, and our service numbers continue to increase as the costs for food, gas, and basic necessities continues to rise. Thank you for helping us meet the need!

We are excited to share that we recently purchased a truck! We will no longer have to rent a 15' U-Haul truck each week to pick up our order at the New Hampshire Food Bank! This vehicle also enables expansion of our Mobile Pantry Program and the future development of a mobile summer feeding program for children.

Your ongoing support is a truly important part of the Pantry's growth, and we thank you!

Sincerely,

Daisy

Daisy Blaisdell
President, Board of Directors

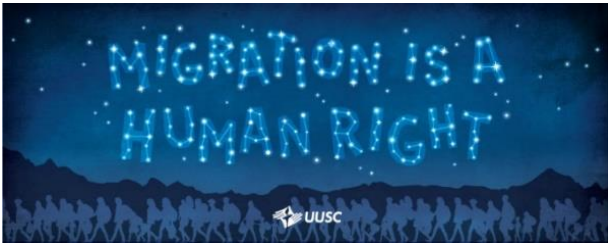
If you would like to make a monetary donation, please send a check to:

Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry
2 Central Street
Franklin, NH 03235
Attention: Daisy Blaisdell



The Pantry welcomes excess garden produce this summer. We are hoping to increase our inventory offerings of fresh produce, and we would be truly grateful to your gardeners!

Note: Please do not leave fresh produce at the church. Take it directly to the food pantry when it is open on Tuesdays from 9-11, Wednesdays from 5-7 and Thursdays from 9-11.



UUCF voted to be a Level 2 Sanctuary Church in support of Manchester UU, which is a Level 1 Sanctuary Church.

Good News: We have a new Level 2 sponsoring organization, the Manchester Branch of the NAACP. **Welcome!** We're happy to have you join us. We now have 23 Level 2 sponsors or friends, and I thought it might be a good time to list you all in our newsletter:

American Friends Service Committee
City Year New Hampshire
Congregational Church, Meriden
Concord Friends Meeting
Concord Unitarian Universalist, Concord
Dover Friends Meeting
Grace Episcopal, Manchester
Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP)
GSOP Interfaith Action Fund
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Manchester Branch
New Hampshire Council of Churches
New Hampshire Immigrant & Refugee Support Group
New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ
St. Andrews Episcopal, Manchester
St. Anne/St. Augustin Catholic, Manchester
St. Lawrence Catholic Parish, Goffstown

St. Matthews Episcopal, Goffstown
Sisters of Mercy, Justice Committee, Manchester
Sisters of Mercy, Justice Committee, Hudson
Unitarian Universalist Church, Franklin
Unitarian Universalist Church, Nashua
Unitarian Universalist Star King Fellowship
Unitarian Universalist Church, Concord
And many individual donors.

Our S/A Committee consists of not only members of UU Church of Manchester, but also members from UU Church of Nashua, St. Matthews Episcopal Church of Goffstown, and St. Anne/St. Augustin Catholic Church of Manchester. (If you are interested in joining the committee, call or mail us: Sanctuary@uumanchester.org, or Liz at 703-447-5701). We are grateful to all of you.

We are hosting our third guest, while his case works its way through the system. On June 21, he received a Certificate of Achievement, for participating in 161.5 hours in the Intermediate English Class at the International Institute of New England. Congratulations!!

Here are some of the ways you can continue to support our Sanctuary/Asylum network:
We accept **Market Basket gift cards** and checks to help support Chris as his case slowly works through the courts. Gift cards must be bought in-store, but then can be mailed to UU Manchester c/o Asylum Committee at UU Manchester, 669 Union St. Manchester NH 03104. Or, the cards can be dropped off at church during our new church administrator's hours, M-F, 8am-12 noon. Her name is Amy. **Checks** can be sent to the above address. Designate Asylum in the memo line and if your donation is for general support, specific support for legal fees, or specifically for food. We are a 501(C)3 organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions, contact our new church administrator, Amy (603-625-6854) or Liz Alcauskas (703-447-5701). **Credit card** donations can be made by going to uumanchester.org. 1. click on "Give" OR 2. Click on "Please Donate today" in the yellow ribbon on top of the page. In either case, the Planned Giving page will appear. 3. Scroll down to Donate and click on the DONATE button. 4. Be sure to find the "write a note" section and designate your donation is for the Asylum Fund. If you have any questions, call Liz at 703-447-7701. Thank you for your anticipated donation.

Link to updated Directory: It will bring you into the folder containing the directory. Double click on the filename Directory Update 2022.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19ctaNjZXqhb1afpmqfjN5vlx05mfsVSg?usp=sharing>



Birthdays

Denise Steadman ~ 6th

Lea Smith ~ 8th

Theo Chapple ~ 8th

Adrienne Tuch ~ 29th



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UUCF PO Box 562
Franklin, NH 0323

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Do you have news to share? Kindly email your submissions for UUCF's Spectacles to hope@metrocast.net by the 27th of each month.

Coming Together at Year's End
By Paul Vachon

As we come together, let us pause to take stock of the year now concluding: it's moments of happiness and hurt, it's times of accomplishment and failure, and its occasions of inspiration and fear. We add these experiences to the tapestries of our years, and look bravely towards a new horizon.

Keep scrolling to see pictures of our year end Annual Picnic.



We have a Facebook Page!

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During the Annual Meeting service, Louise and Mary presented Rev. Ariel with a beautiful ivy plant and a card made by Coral, to express our gratefulness for Rev. Ariel being a blessing to our congregation this year.



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UUCF Facebook Page.



I opened my window.
And what did I see?
A lovely little clover blossom
Dancing with a bumblebee!

By Pam and Cindy