



# CROSSROADS

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Area Church at First Parish in Sherborn

June 18, 2006

## President's Message —by Pat Manley

Dear Friends,

I have been struggling for the right words to express my gratitude for the unbelievable gift you presented to me at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Based on the number of fabrics in the quilt, I decided that it must be a "diversity" quilt, but Helen Sicotte, who actually made the quilt, told me that the pattern is called a "mile a minute."



Though sometimes it may have seemed that being President of this congregation for the last three years was "mile-a-minute," in truth, it has been an exercise in multi-tasking. And truly, it has been an honor serving as your President.

As I reflect on the past three years, I reminisce about some of the highlights...

- ☞ We welcomed Rev. Nathan Detering as our new minister.
- ☞ ECDC nursery school moved to the top floor and we renovated the middle floor for Religious Education.
- ☞ We began serving Fair Trade Coffee and Tea at Coffee Hour.
- ☞ Quilt-a-thons began.
- ☞ We started holding Town-by-Town Pot-luck suppers in the Fall.
- ☞ *Crossroads* became a twice monthly publication, available electronically.
- ☞ We have held wonderfully successful Auctions each year.
- ☞ WinterWalk raised awareness of homelessness in our area.
- ☞ We empowered our children to think of others with "Change for Change."

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## Crossroads Summer Schedule

*Crossroads* moves to a summer schedule after this issue. If you would like to submit an article or announcement to be included in upcoming issues, please note the publication and submission deadline dates:

<u>Publication date</u>	<u>Submit by</u>
July 16th	July 10th
August 20th	August 14th
September 10th	September 4th



“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**Worship Service:** Sunday, 10:30AM.

**Crossroads**, the bi-weekly newsletter of the UUAC, is mailed to all members and pledging friends. Non-members receive a complimentary three-month subscription. A one-year subscription to **Crossroads** is \$35, or the newsletter may be viewed at the church website at no charge.

Submissions to **Crossroads** are always welcome and may be emailed to [uuac@uuac-sherborn.org](mailto:uuac@uuac-sherborn.org); or typed/legibly handwritten copy may be dropped off in the **Crossroads** folder in the church office by 10:00a.m. on the deadline date. No submissions will be accepted by telephone. A complete copy of the UUAC newsletter policy may be obtained from the church office.

**Staff**

Minister: Rev. Nathan Detering  
Music Director: Laura Jensen  
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Religious Education: Christine Schell and Jennifer Smudin  
Social Action  
Worship: James Francis  
Youth Representative: Erica Boyce

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**President’s Message** *(Continued from page 1)*

- ☞ Concerts and performances have been held each year in the Sanctuary.
- ☞ We give away our Christmas Eve Collection.
- ☞ Edwin Light and Jack Cox were married in our Sanctuary.
- ☞ We got the north parking lot repaired!!!
- ☞ Membership and Attendance are up.
- ☞ We received grants to hire new staff.
- ☞ Committees meet on Thursday nights.
- ☞ We welcomed Laura Jensen as our Music Director.
- ☞ “Pledges” have become our PRIMARY source of income.
- ☞ We renovated the vestibule.
- ☞ Lots of us are participating in covenant groups.
- ☞ We supported the UUSC efforts in Tsunami Relief, Hurricane Relief, and Earthquake Relief (thousands of dollars, thank you all VERY MUCH) (See page 3).
- ☞ Kate Holland!
- ☞ We completed our Comprehensive Plan.

OK, those are the highlights, and you get the picture. We are working together as a congregation, and I am delighted to have been a catalyst.

And, again, thank you so very much for the quilt. I will treasure it always.

Sincerely,

*Pat Manley*



**People We Care About**

**Please Note:** Our Caring Committee Coordinator is Tinkie Vanderbie. Anyone in need of care (meals, visitation, a trip to the store, etc.) is encouraged to call Tinkie at (508) 653-1421.

If you want to share news of yourself or a loved one in the **People We Care About** section of our newsletter please email or call Marcia Hutchinson, at [uuac@uuac-sherborn.org](mailto:uuac@uuac-sherborn.org) or (508) 653-1422. Upcoming deadlines for submissions to *Crossroads* are **7/10, 8/14** and **9/4**.



### Looking Ahead

Well, I feel like I want to leave my last column for a few last things, but let's start at the beginning — the beginning of next year, that is. I am so excited to be able to look forward to next year.

- We will have new curricula that the RE subcommittee on curriculum has looked at and carefully chosen.
- The ninth graders fresh from the OWL program will be going through the Coming of Age program next year.
- I'm proud to say that two of our senior youth have volunteered to teach in our RE program next year.
- We will be looking at new social action programs to include in our RE classrooms next year.
- I am also excited to be attending RE week at Ferry Beach this year, and am hoping to come back with arms full of fun, fresh ideas to include in our programming.

### Some Gaps to Fill

I hate to be a broken record, but I do want to tie up some loose ends before we all run off to our various summer pursuits. We are still missing some registrations for next year's RE program. We also have a few teaching spots open in the fall and the spring trimester. We would love to have all of our slots filled before the end of June.

### We Need Pictures!

The RE program would like to start a picture file for our classrooms and the curricula that we use. As you are getting new calendars for the school year, if you find one with great pictures, please consider donating it to the RE program. If you get magazines with good pictures, we would also appreciate those. We use many topics in our curricula so topic doesn't really matter. Lastly and maybe most importantly, I could use a

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### A "Thank You" for Your Help in Gulf Coast Relief

Dear U. U. Area Church at First Parish in Sherborn, MA,

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee I would like to thank you and the members of your congregation for your tremendous generosity. Because of donors like those in your community, we have been able to raise more than three million dollars for the Gulf Coast Relief Fund. Unitarian Universalists and hundreds and hundreds of like-minded individuals from all over the country showed a visionary generosity and real compassion when, within hours of Hurricane Katrina's strike, we opened our homes and hearts and made significant financial donations to survivors of this tragedy.

We received donations from children and youth groups, social groups, and over 600 UU congregations and their members. "I have enclosed," one woman explained, "a \$25 money order directly from my wonderful son's piggy bank. It made him feel good to do this, and it made me proud." Many other donors expressed a version of this man's sentiment: "Thank you for ensuring my small donation will get to those most in need." When we were needed most we stood on the side of hope and love through acts of faith.

So far, your gifts to the Relief Fund have made it possible for us to provide funding to the three UU churches hit hardest by the hurricanes, to help residents of the Gulf Coast access aid and develop a vision of how reconstruction will occur, to help protect immigrant workers in the area, to coordinate human-rights and social justice efforts in the communities and neighborhoods of New Orleans, provide legal support for those in need, and to represent displaced families from the most marginalized and most needy impacted communities. That is just the beginning.

I am excited to be able to bring you and your whole congregation news of this Gulf Coast Relief Fund, and to announce that the UUA has prepared a report in regard to your contributions and how the funds are being put to use. It is our hope that the Stewardship Report on the UUA UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund will provide you with the information you need in order to know that you have played an important part in this historic moment for Unitarian Universalism and all people of conscience. Please share this exciting information with as many people in your congregation as possible.

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# Announcements & Events

## Stretch into Summer with Yoga

Saturday Yoga classes will continue throughout the summer. The class meets on Saturday mornings in Unity Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. It is not

necessary to sign up. The cost is \$14 for single-class drop-ins or \$72 for six classes (\$12 per class – used within a 2 month period). Please contact Betty Glick at [bettyglick@comcast.net](mailto:bettyglick@comcast.net) or (508) 429-2158.



## Good as New Shop Summer Half-Price Sale

The GANS Summer Half-Price Sale will take place on two Wednesdays, June 28th and July 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and browse for bargains galore.



## Womens Alliance Awards Scholarships

Each year the Alliance provides financial assistance to adults and youth of the church to support their attendance at Unitarian Universalist workshops, camps, and conferences.



The Alliance is delighted to announce that so far this year it has provided scholarships to two congregants:

1. **Doug Brown** - for attendance at UU University, a program for congregational officers that is being offered for the first time this year at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri, and
2. **Gail Donaldson** - for attendance at the week-long North East Leadership School (NELS), a program for congregational leaders offered annually during the summer.

Last year, the Alliance supported NELS participants James Francis, Christine Schell, and Jennifer Smudin.

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## Gulf Coast Relief *(Continued from page #3)*

This report is part of our ongoing commitment to be transparent and accountable to our donors. We hope to see you and delegates from your church at GA this year, where we hope you will be able to stop by the Stewardship and Development exhibit and pick up a copy. The report is available to read and download on line at <http://www.uua.org/news/gulfcoastrelief/pdf/StewardshipReport2006-06.pdf>. To request a copy, please call us at 1-888-792-5886.

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee have been honored to participate in this important relief effort. Thanks to your generosity, the Gulf Coast Relief Fund is making a unique and much-needed contribution to the long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts in the communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

In Faith and Gratitude,

The Rev. Terry Sweetser

Vice President for Stewardship and Development and Senior Advisor to the President, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

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person or two who would be willing to help in organizing this project.

We would also like some good board-type story-books to include with our new curriculum in the 2 and 3 year olds' classroom. If during your summer cleaning you find some you may be getting rid of, please check with me to see if the RE program could use the book.

Now that we are asking for new books, if any one has an unused bookcase or two that they would be willing to donate to the RE program we could use those too.

Lastly I am thrilled to be looking forward to working for the church next year as the Director of Religious Education. I have really enjoyed this year and am excited to continue to learn and grow in my job here at church!!

Summer sunshine to all!!!!

*Kate*

## Summer Worship Services at UUAC: Sundays-at-a Glance

### Come to Summer Services...Because Spiritual Seeking Knows No Seasons

UUAC doesn't close down for the summer, because spiritual practice is a year-round activity. Sunday, June 18th, marks the beginning of summer services at UUAC.

To promote continuity of worship, throughout the summer members of the congregation have generously volunteered to conduct lay-led services with a variety of themes (see below). At the time of this printing, the July 9th service is still in search of a leader. Please contact Worship Committee chair, James Francis, at [francis@payload.com](mailto:francis@payload.com) if you would like to volunteer to lead this service.



### Summer Sundays-at-a-Glance

June 18th	<i>“Me, We, Thee: Thoughts for Us, Our Community, Our World”</i> led by James Francis
June 25th	<i>“Joy of the Everyday”</i> led by Cheryl Perreault
July 2nd	July 4 <sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. <b>No service.</b>
July 9th	Still Open. Contact the Worship Committee with your idea.
July 16th	<i>“Art as a Path to the Invisible”</i> led by Betty Glick
July 23th	<i>“Freedom”</i> led by Gail Donaldson and Marty Nickerson
July 30th	<i>“Calling the Eco Spirit”</i> led by Polly Leland-Mayer
August 6th	<i>“In Search of the God Experience in the Unitarian Universalist Church”</i> led by Maura Shannon
August 13th	A topic still to be named, led by Alan Cantor
August 20th	<i>“Spirituality and Sexuality”</i> led by Jane Detwiler
August 27th	<i>“The Power and Practice of Meditation”</i> led by Rita Ghilani
September 4th	Labor Day Weekend. <b>No Service.</b>
September 11th	<i>“Homecoming Sunday and Water Communion.”</i> Bring water from your summer travels to share with everyone in this first sanctuary service of the new church year.

All summer services will be held in Unity Hall at 10:30 a.m.



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→ Next *Crossroads* deadline for the **July 16th** newsletter is **Monday, July 10th.**

## **UUAC Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**Every Tuesday:**

AA Step Group, Cooney Room,  
7:30 p.m.

**Every Wednesday:**

Good-as-New Shop, Unity Hall,  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Every Saturday:**

Yoga, Unity Hall, 9:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, 6/18:**

Summer Service, "Me, We, Thee:  
Thoughts for Us, Our Commu-  
nity, Our World, led by James  
Francis, Unity Hall, 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, 6/25:**

Summer Service, "Joy of the Eve-  
ryday" led by Cheryl Perreault,  
Unity Hall, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 6/28:**

GANS Half-Price Sale, Unity  
Hall, 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, 7/2:**

No Service

**Sunday, 7/9:**

Summer Service, Unity Hall,  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

### **Summer Office Hours**

*Church Administrator/Crossroads Editor*  
**Marcia Hutchinson:** Wednesday,  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

*Director of Religious Education*  
**Kate Holland:** By Appointment  
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