USH E-news April 10, 2024

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Rev. Sam Jones Sharing Meal 2022

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Monday - Thursday 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Sunday Morning Service
10:30 a.m. April 14

"Reaching, Sharing, Assuring"
Rev. Sam Jones, Minister
Rev. Ken Brown, Minister Emeritus

Margaret Colcuch, Michael Michaud, & Ken Smoskel, Musicians
Ann Hoffman, Music Director
Sue Ellen Stone, Soprano

Matters of the Heart
We have a lot on our hearts and from the pulpit this month. We will be celebrating our chalice dedication, the Children's Ceremony, and the Sunday after Easter is Sunday Assuring. Please provide concise updates for the bulletin.

Religious Education: 10:30 a.m.
Jamie Nicholas, Interim RE Coordinator

Can't be here in person for worship? Join us online at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning. Or you can watch later on our YouTube channel.

Virtual Office Hour Offered on Zoom

Worship is also streamed on Facebook.
Follow our page and receive notifications every time we go live.

Confirm! Join us for CHE, and attend the Ceremony! Watch our service, anytime, here or on YouTube.

Worship Calendar

April 10, 10 a.m. or online

Upcoming Sermons:
April 14 - Sunday Assuring
April 21 - "Sunday Sharing, Sharing"
April 28 - "Sunday Sharing, Sharing"
May 5 - Ken Brown, Interim Minister
May 12 - Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister
May 19 - Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister
May 26 - Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister

Sunday, April 14 - Sunday Assuring, "Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3:15
Speaker: Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister
Speaker: Rev. Ken Brown, Interim Minister Emeritus

Sunday, April 21 - Sunday Sharing, "Reflections on Our Chalice Dedication"
Speaker: Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister

Sunday, April 28 - Sunday Sharing, "Reflections on Our Children's Ceremony"
Speaker: Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister

May 5 - Sunday Assuring, "Reflections on Our Sunday Assuring"
Speaker: Rev. Ken Brown, Interim Minister Emeritus

May 12 - Mothers' Day, Sunday Sharing, "Reflections on Our Sunday Sharing"
Speaker: Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister

May 19 - Sunday Sharing, "Reflections on Our Sunday Sharing"
Speaker: Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister

May 26 - Sunday Sharing, "Reflections on Our Sunday Sharing"
Speaker: Rev. Sam Jones, Interim Minister

Homemaking: "Order of Service" Now Deadline

The time has come to formally e-mail the Order of Service, Guest announcements — **noon, on Tuesday**. Yes, the same deadline as the Newsletter.

This will facilitate timely completion of the Order and Guest Cards.

Also remember: The bread is awaiting volunteers, decorative centerpiece, flowers, communion cup, and chalice. Please let the office know if you can help with any of these essential elements. Also, we need to be ready for post-service coordinations.

Also, remember: a portion of the bread is being of everything that is on the Church's altar and is prepared and a portion of wine is poured into the chalice.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Dicenzo at 860-233-8503.

Thoughts From Rev. Rob...

Have you ever asked God if God is tired of the world of insanity? Lamentably, the Lord is never relieving us of our responsibilities to care for our fellow human beings and our world. Our job is to be the hands and feet of God in the world. We are called to be prophets, priests, and, thankfully, fellow-laborers with God in the work of creating a world of peace, justice, and compassion for all people, regardless of their race, creed, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

It's pretty easy when it feels like God is on our side. But, it is far more difficult when we are called to be God's hands and feet when we are confronting people who are not in our comfort zones.

Lamentably, we all can share — and do it on our own time.

Yours in service,
Rev. Rob

Become a member of USH...

A sense of belonging, a large or small one, is key to good mental health — it is essential, its purpose is so important and nearly all of us need it. Our Unitarian Universalist Society offers us many different opportunities.

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is streamed live on Zoom every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is also recorded and posted on our website, and YouTube.

USH is unique in that we have some very lively and interesting adult and young adult programs. Our Sunday Morning Sharing Sessions are a great way to meet people and to learn about our church.

Bring a dessert, dish, lasagna, or a salad to our Sunday morning, 10 - 12 noon, Sunday Sharing Sessions. Our adult and young adult ministries are always looking for new members and participants.

May 10 is Non-Member Ceremony, and also...

THE JACKSONS' A **two-session course for New Members**

Do you want to learn more about the history of Unitarian Universalism? This course is an opportunity to explore how this congregation might be a spiritual home for you. We will be using the Jacksons' book, Wonder of UUs: Let Your Life, Work, and Relationships Be Your Sermon. The course is designed for those who are considering membership or those who want to learn more about our church. We will be using the book as a springboard for discussion and reflection, with people and ideas. It is a time for you to ask questions, share your hopes and concerns, and see if this church is a place where you can grow and be a leader. Our church is a place where we are strong enough to welcome people who are different from us, and we are also strong enough to be challenged by our differences. We are a church that is strong in our diversity, and also gets in better shape when we are challenged to be more inclusive.

The course will be offered in two sessions, on Thursday, May 2, 7 - 9:00 pm, and Thursday, May 9, 7 - 9:00 pm.

To RSVP for this free course, please email Lynette McGhee. Please let her know if you are interested in the course, if you have questions or concerns, and if you are willing to attend a pre-course meeting with Lynette and Rev. Sam Jones.

- Jay Dwoskin

Help Wanted

Sunday, we could good to **share** on Sun pulpit. Contact **Sunday** rep **Sunday**.

For those who count Worship Service Schedules, summer has already arrived. Our Sunday Morning Worship Service schedule is almost complete. We need to contact clergy and lay people who are invited to speak that week.

You are invited to speak **your** truth.

We could be the best that our Unitarian Universalist church can be, perhaps even better than we imagine it could be, if we share our gifts with one another.

Our Worship Associates and Reverend Rob are here to guide you through this adventure. These are opportunities available to lay and ministers, as well as to guests.

Please contact: Reverend Rob, Sam Sondeck, Worship Associate Coordinator or Jamie Nicholas, Interim Minister, if you are interested in becoming a pulpit presenter, or have questions about the process.

- Jay Dwoskin

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Homemaking Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Homemaking p.m. tea time on Sunday, April 7. It was a great time to share our joys and sorrows with one another. Also pleased that capacity is USH this Sunday, April 14, for our Sunday Assuring service. Also, we will be having our Sunday Sharing Sessions on Sunday, April 21, and Sunday, April 28. Mark your calendars! Mark your calendars! Mothers' Day, May 12, is a great time to share our joys and sorrows with our congregation, and celebrate blessed homecoming and reunions. Also, May 19 is a great time to share our joys and sorrows, and celebrate blessed reunions and reunions. Also, May 26 is a great time to share our joys and sorrows, and celebrate blessed reunions and reunions. Also, please do so soon.

Bring a dessert, dish, or salad to our Sunday Sharing Sessions. Do you want to be a pulpit presenter? Do you want to be a pulpit reader? Do you want to be a pulpit greeter? Do you want to be a pulpit usher? Do you want to be a pulpit anything? Do you want to be a pulpit anything? Do you want to be a pulpit anything

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noon Tuesday

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When forwarding information concerning an "outside" event or organization, **please pre-edit your copy** in order to keep the piece to 200 words or less. Note that all material is subject to editing prior to publication.

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