

WeeklyBits

Thoughtful tidbits for every week.
(You know...to keep up your spiritual bloodsugar)



Peterborough Unitarian
Universalist Church

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October 27, 2015

October our color is red, representing the theme: “Respect the importance and value of every person” as a reminder to covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

This Sunday: November 1, 2015

Sermon: “Universalism: Past, Present & Powerful”, Kalen Fristad

Greeters: Barbara Harlow and ??? **We need someone to help Barbara on Sunday morning.**

Community Hour: **We need volunteers to make coffee on Sunday morning. Can you help?**

Flowers: **Would you be willing to bring flowers for our service on Sunday?**

(To sign up, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com> Log in with your login name and password, or click ‘Find a Sign Up’ at the upper right, use puuc@uupeterborough.org as the email to search. Or you can call the office at 924-6245 or simply respond to this email. *If you call me after 12:30 on Fridays, I will not get the voicemail. Email is better.*)

Informational Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 8, 2015

Following the Morning Service: 11:45-12:45

The Standing Committee will update the Congregation on the search for a Settled Minister answer any questions.

Child care will be provided.

Save the Date: November 22 – is the Harvest Dinner. More information about collecting funds and signing up for the potluck will be available soon.

Open Stage on November 6 – Featuring Jake Hobbs

Out of the woods of rural New Hampshire comes singer/songwriter Jake Hobbs. Pulling inspiration from musical genius Chris Thile and the historic New England landscape, he will serenade you with a touch of charm and whimsy all his own. Hobbs plays guitar and mandolin. He also composes, writes lyrics and performs his own material on stage.

Tickets at door: \$5/donation

Open Mic: 7:30 PM

We are a part of Peterborough's monthly First Friday Celebration



All musicians and poets may sign up at Parish hall beginning at 7:00PM. Three advance signups are available for anyone who may be driving a distance to appear on Parish Hall Open Stage. There is a small voluntary donation of \$5.00 at the door and the Parish hall offers beverages and fresh baked goods throughout the performances. Open stage performances begin at 7:30, and feature at 8:30. Sign-up for open stage occurs between 6:30-7:30 or by emailing jackkidmusic@gmail.com. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

There will also be an open stage lineup of New England musicians who sign up before the evening festivities begin at 7:30. The variety of musical styles and acts range from folk, celtic, bluegrass, country, jazz, blues, classical and occasionally a local poet. Jake Hobbs will feature at 8:30 and more artists will follow at 9:00PM.

News from RE

Weekly news from our DRE Char James

We have been attracting many children and youth to our RE programs this year. We've also received help from many of the adults in our church community. Thank you so much to: Loui Welby, Joyce Fearnside, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Jonathan Gourlay, Meredith Martin, Sarah and Morgan Cooper, Hutch Hutchinson, Kristen Reilly, Doug and Sue Copley, Shayna Appel, Peter Powell, Tom Badgley, Chase Roeper, Dwight Schenk, Todd Gordon, Joel Huberman and Kevin Goohs. I also want to thank Gabrielle Lepage for covering the nursery for the first month and a half of church this year. Gab's schedule in Henniker with college classes and her Resident Advisory job will be keeping her busy there for the rest of the year. She needs one morning off! Perhaps the college students will let her sleep in on Sundays. I hope to see Gab at our Harvest dinner in November.



This Sunday Jessica Lohrmann and Jackie Hurtado will offer childcare for children whose parents sing with the choir from 8:45-9:45am. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to practice with our choir and kids to relax downstairs reading, playing games or doing artwork. Jackie and Jessica will also be in the nursery from 9:45-11:45 for infants through age 5. Jackie has made some play dough for the children and Jessica will be telling a story using a basket of props from our Spirit Play curriculum. Our 6-9 year olds are exploring the second

Unitarian Universalist principle in a curriculum called Love Surrounds Us. Last week after listening to the children's story in the sanctuary, this group individually decorated and gave out some snow flake pins during community hour.

Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla and Joel Huberman will drive our middle and high school youth to Otter Brook Farm. This will be the fifth week of an 8 week program. They leave promptly at 10am and return at 11:45am in time to participate in community hour. Ask them what they did at the farm when you see them. Last week Jackson and Logan Burnham, Sean Burwen, Mikala Mackesy, Aman Dery, CT and Morgaine O'Connor and Ava and Clare Goohs worked at the farm with Matthew Roy, Joel Huberman, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla and Kevin Goohs.

There will be a Religious Education Committee meeting from 12-1:30pm in the Carll House. The current committee consists of: Hutch Hutchinson, Chase Roeper, Doug Copley and Char James.

Property Committee

The Property Committee has volunteered to provide a **pancake breakfast during the Holiday Stroll, November 21st**. So far we have three volunteers, but we need five more from the church at large. We had good fun last Spring (see picture) doing a breakfast and helped the church coffers. Please contact breakfast coordinator Phil Jones and offer help!



Holiday Stroll Gifts

We are hoping that all church members will be able to bring a small gift for our gift table at the Holiday Stroll. If it's easier for you, small donations of a dollar or two would also be wonderful and would help build our "Pumpkin Patch" which is new this year. The pumpkin patch will offer "everything pumpkin" (Thanksgiving not Halloween) so if anyone has a pumpkin item to donate that would be great too.

Thanks in advance. All proceeds from our sale go directly to the church.

Boxes for donations and gifts will be in the Parish Hall starting this Sunday.

Any questions please call Jenny Brinsdon. 924-0980 or e mail jmbrinsdon@comcast.net.

PUUC Search Committee News

The "Beyond Categorical Thinking" (BCT) presentation was held last Sunday, October 18th after church. 34 people attended a very enlightening and well-run meeting. Thank you, Merry Stockwell, for setting up our lunch.

The Survey Compilation is still posted in the Fellowship Hall, with hard copies available to borrow and take home. We hope you can find some time to read the survey. It's about us! The Survey Interpretative Document is being finished up.

The Ministerial Packet, Website and Congregational Record continue to be our main business, with more work needed. We are meeting with the Standing Committee, Olivia and Shayna to discuss a number of topics prior to our regular Wednesday night meeting. Comments? Please see one of your Search Committee members!
PUUC Search Committee

Community

Halloween Benefit Carwash

A group of local youths are planning a benefit carwash on Saturday, October 31, from 10 AM to 1 PM, in the church parking lot to benefit the Congo Children's Fund. This is a non-profit organization based here in Peterborough with a mission of helping orphaned children of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Specifically, the youth are raising funds to send some of the children in a Kinshasa orphanage to school for one year. Come help support their efforts and have your car cleaned at the same time!

Granny D: The Power of One
A one-woman play by Dixie Tymitz
Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church
Wednesday, November 4th 7:00PM



Doris "Granny D" Haddock
1910-2010
Legendary Campaign Finance
Reform Activist

Peterborough Unitarian
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Actress Dixie Tymitz

Remember, you have been criticizing yourself for years and it hasn't worked. Try approving of yourself and see what happens. - Louise L. Hay -

So, this is the last October newsletter with the RED theme. Next month we move on to the second principle: Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations. You can remember it as Orange: **Offer fair and kind treatment to everyone.** Orange is good, like pumpkin pie!
Be loyal to peace, justice and the social good. Vanessa

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Note* Actual times are subject to change dependent on individual schedules.



Red: Respect the importance and value of every person.

Orange: Offer fair and kind treatment to everyone.

Yellow: Yes to spiritual growth and learning.

Green: Grow by exploring ideas and finding your truth.

Blue: Believe in our ideals and voice your vote.

Indigo: Insist on justice, freedom and peace for all.

Violet: Value our responsibility in the web of life.

Our covenant makes a rainbow.

Cool.

