

# Weekly Bits

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



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## Mindful Meanderings by Rev. Shayna Appel



Theology on Tap has met for 2 weeks now at Harlow's Pub on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30. We've had between 15-18 folks join us for informal but very rich theological/spiritual conversation, food and drink. Week 1's topic was "Live Like You Were Dying", and at the recommendation of one of our attendees, this past Monday we finished up the topic from week 1 and proceeded to talk about "Encounters Beyond the Veil; Personal Accounts of Things We Rarely Discuss!"



For next week's discussion we'll be swinging the pendulum in the opposite direction as we explore "Joy". What is it, when do we experience it, what is that experience, how can we cultivate more of it in ourselves, our families, our communities and our world?

Come, come, whoever you are! The soup is hot, everything on tap is delicious, and the conversation is always satisfying!

Shalom-Shayna

## It's Happening! The Rummage Sale is almost here. October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17th

### *It's time to clean out your closets and do a Fall purge.*

We need more! More stuff, and more help. We're looking for clothing, white elephant items, furnishings, jewelry and toys. We've gotten very little to date and we have only a few weeks to go before the Rummage and White Elephant Sale. The back door and garage #4 are open on Monday mornings, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons after 3:30 and Friday mornings. **Come help us sort donations.** Call Marsha Morrow at 924-6921 to find out what days and times you can offer to help with this important fundraising effort. There are weekdays and weeknights available.



## Final Cottage Meetings

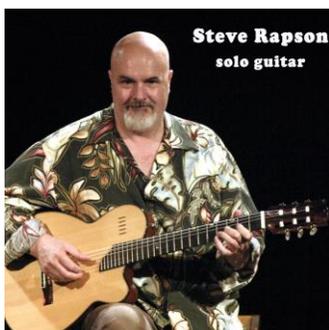
Thanks to those who have been participating in the Cottage Meetings! For those folks who still have not signed up for a meeting, there is one more chance after church this Sunday 10/4 from 11:45AM to 1:30PM. We plan to run two meetings concurrently, and you can email Mark Beal at [mark.beal@intrinsix.com](mailto:mark.beal@intrinsix.com) to reserve a spot on Sunday.

Here is some further information for anyone who might not have heard about these meetings before now:

The Settled Minister Search Committee is holding series of small group meetings over the coming two weeks. The purpose is to give everyone in the congregation a voice in the search process for our new settled minister. This is a part of the recommended UUA search process, and they are called "Cottage Meetings" to reflect the idea of a small and friendly group discussion. Each meeting will be approximately 8 people, facilitated by 2 members of the Search Committee. The meetings will last under two hours. The Search Committee has prepared a couple of discussion topics that we feel will help us better understand the congregation's needs and desires regarding the calling of a new minister. Last June we conducted a survey of the congregation, and we have used those results to select the topics.

So please sign up for this final Cottage Meeting and share your thoughts about our process for calling the next settled minister! ~ Mark Beal

## **Boston Acoustic Virtuoso, Steve Rapson Featured on October 2 at Parish Hall Open Stage**



Virtuoso songwriter and guitarist, Steve Rapson has a quote on his music website. "Nobody wishes on their death bed they had spent more time at the office." Or, in Steve's case, any time at the office. After life in corporate America, Steve Rapson is now a recording artist, songwriter, and performing musician who will be featured at the Friday, October 2nd Parish Hall Open Stage. Rapson's music can be heard on his website: [www.steverapson.com](http://www.steverapson.com).

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. Steve Rapson will feature at 8:30 and more artists will follow at 9:00PM.

The Parish Hall Open Stage is a listening room with candle light ambiance and baking goods served with a choice of beverages. Open to the public each month and continues to be a part of the monthly First Friday celebrations. Musicians and poets wishing to sign up and perform on stage can do so between 7:00-7:30 PM. For more information call Jack Kid at 831-1875 or email: [jackkidmusic@gmail.com](mailto:jackkidmusic@gmail.com).

## **Yukon River Trip Slides and Potluck**

### **Saturday Oct 3**

7:00 slides/movie presentation in the Parish Hall

6:00 Potluck Supper in the Dining Room

Scott McGovern and Peggy Brown, along with friends from their Outward Bound days, spent 2 weeks canoeing the wild Hart River in Yukon, Canada this past summer, Scott has captured the essence of the trip and the experience of outdoor adventure in his photographs through still images, movie images and conversation with some of the trip participants. Come and enjoy his photography in this hour-long presentation. Come earlier and enjoy food and conversation with friends and acquaintances. All are welcome.

## Beyond Categorical Thinking – October 18

In our efforts to find the best match for our settled minister, we will host a Beyond Categorical Thinking worship service and workshop on Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. A trained facilitator will guide us in conversation, and we will have a chance to examine how we can avoid letting prejudice become a part of our search process. Lunch will be provided, as well as childcare. Attendance is encouraged for everyone in the congregation. Please rsvp by October 11 to Laura Gourlay or Ray Dodge. Thank you in advance for participating in a very important part of the settled minister journey! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Laura at 547-0180/lkgourlay@gmail.com or Ray at 499-1067/rtdodge78@gmail.com.

## Save the Date-Circle Suppers

One of PUUC's favorite social gatherings "CIRCLE SUPPERS" are planned for the weekend of **Oct. 23 - Oct. 25**. They are held on Fri. & Sat. evening and Sunday afternoon in members or friends homes. We need to start planning and would like to hear from people who would like to host a supper. Hosts choose which day they can host, determine the time and plan for the dinner and call guests on a list given to them. There are usually 6 to 10 people at each dinner. Everyone contributes to the meal, so the host does not do all the food preparation. It is a great way to get to know our PUUC congregation on a personal level. If you are interested in hosting a supper at your home, or have any questions please call Linda Scerbinski at 924-7461 or Susan Stanbury at 784-5123. We will have sign-up sheets at church as well, for those who would like to be guests.

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One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.

Bryant H. McGill

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Be loyal to peace, justice and the social good. Vanessa

### Contact Information and Regular Office Hours

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