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Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Concord

MAY 2024

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Annual Village Camp-In | May 31-June 1

Gather on the church lawn to re-create the campout experience from your youth - or to learn what all the fun is about if you've never been camping! Folks of all ages are invited to eat, play, and make music at the Village Camp-In on Friday, May 31 at 5:30 pm. Come for games, pot luck supper, campfire songs and s'mores, and if you wish, pitch a tent or set up camp indoors and spend the night. Roll out of bed for quiet conversation over coffee if you're an early riser, or for breakfast a little later if you're not. Everyone is welcome to come for the whole time or for any portion of it that fits your schedule. Youth age 13 and older may come without their parents if arrangements are made in advance so we can have appropriate chaperones assigned. Contact Lyn Marshall, lyn@concorduu.org if your youth would like to join the fun.





Sunday Worship is at 10 am

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM AT WWW.CONCORDUU.ORG/LIVE

5/5/2024 “Our Common Good” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

As Robert Reich reminds us, “The common good consists of our shared values about what we owe one another as citizens who are bound together in the same society - the norms we voluntarily abide by, and the ideals we seek to achieve. [...] If there is no common good, there is no society.” So what good DO we have in common and how can the common good be restored? What role do trust, honor, shame, and civic education play as we imagine ways to resurrect faith in the sources of truth? How do we tap into the virtuous cycle that reinforces the common good rather than letting the vicious cycle of the last few decades undermine our moral imagination?

5/12/2024 “Youth Group Credos” Youth Group

Join and support our youth as they share their personal credos in their own unique way exploring questions of identity, of purpose, of faith, and what is good, right, and true - concluding with reflections on how to put their values into action, how to help heal the world.

5/19/2024 “Democracy without Voting” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Trust in how we practice democracy continues to erode. We appear to have a system that inspires theoretically, yet seems stuck in its implementation. What if the process of voting, what if elections, the way they have evolved, are a part of the problem rather than a path to a solution? What if democracy, the ideal of governing that is representative of the people, were better served by a democratic lottery, with a group of people selected randomly to focus their time on deliberating and learning about issues rather than accommodating special interests, financial donors, or partisan strategies? Come find out about examples of this kind of democracy functioning throughout history. Come explore ‘democracy without voting’ during the service and in our 2nd Hour sermon dialog.

5/26/2024 “When Values Clash” Rev. Lyn Marshall

I learned a little poem from my mother that went: “Here lies the body of William Jay, who died asserting his right of way. He was right, dead right, as he sped along, but he’s just as dead as if he were wrong.” In a pluralistic society, it matters what we do when values clash. Let’s explore what our faith has to teach us about living in beloved community when we have fundamental differences with one another.



Beltane Celebration

Sunday, May 5 at 7 pm

Join the Concord UU Earth Centered Spirituality Group for an open circle celebrating the beginning of Summer and the growing season. We'll have drumming, dancing, the maypole and merry-making around the fire! We will be gathering in the grove behind the church. Drive to the end of the parking lot and walk up the path to the left. Please dress for comfort. Your pagan or festive finery is welcome! Bring your drums, shakers and music-making tools and congregate alongside the Beltane fire.

Feel free to bring snacks to share after ritual. Please invite your friends! This is a family-friendly event.





Win an eBike!

Our eBike Raffle is underway, with the drawing set for May 18, during Community Lunch. Our goal is to raise \$5000 for the church, as well as spread the joy and excitement of no-emission ebikes throughout the community.

The prize is a **\$3000 voucher at Electric Bikes of New England, or \$2500 cash**. The winner also gets an (optional) consultation with Michael to answer questions and figure out the best bike for them.

Take a look at their website: www.ebikesofne.com.

\$3000 can get you an excellent bike, and with prices starting at \$1399, you could get a pair, plus accessories. Or you could get a great mid-price bike. Or you can make \$3000 your starting point, add some of your own funds, and come home with a top-of-the-line bike.

Already have an ebike? Consider upgrading your ride and donating your old bike to the church auction.

Tickets are:

1 for \$15

3 for \$40

5 or more for \$10 each

If we sell 800 tickets, anyone who buys 5 has a 1 in 160 chance of winning. Those are pretty good odds.

How you can help:

Yes, buy a ticket or 5 for yourself. But more importantly, pick up some tickets to sell to your family, friends, and co-workers. You don't have to pay for them ahead of time. Just bring the ticket stubs and money back after they are sold. Anyone who sells 20 tickets will get a free ticket for themselves.



Stop by the raffle table outside of the sanctuary before and after church to get your tickets. For more info, talk to Lorraine Ellis, 603-731-3064 or wyndwoman@wyndyhill.net

PS: Did you know that some ebikes fold in half for storage or transport? Cool!



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Time to Spriiiiing into Action! Annual Plant and Yard Sale Saturday, May 18 | 9 am to 1 pm

SUBMITTED BY JIM DOWNIE AND RENEE WEST

Jim Downie says: Put away the snow shovels and grab your diggin' spades. Perennials are emerging and I need you to start dividing out clumps from your gardens to donate! Anything goes! Daylilies, iris, hosta, bee balm, ground covers, you name it. Special prize for biggest clump donated! Please mark what it is and what color the flowers will be if applicable. Need help? Email me at jdownie@tds.net or text 978-818-0138 and I can try to arrange stopping by to dig for you. Houseplants too! Bring it on! As usual I'll be offering a wide array of annuals in pots and packs, herbs, hanging baskets and organic vegetable starts all from NH growers! A limited supply of Winant lilacs (from our very own church property) will be available this year. If you need to know the proper way to split your perennials, Dana Sansom will give a demo on May 5 at 11:45.

Renee West says: Speaking of donating, you can also donate items from inside your home; what's collecting dust in your attic could be just what another person needs! Collections will be accepted starting May 6, and may be left in the Kent/Thomas room; if needed, arrangements can be made for earlier donations. If you'd like to donate your time and energy for the event, please let me know that too—help is needed on the day of as well as the day and week prior. Please write me at yolandor@icloud.com to discuss either donations or volunteering.

Whether you've got a green thumb or a keen eye for bargains, please stop by, and please bring friends and family!



PLANT & YARD SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 18
9 AM TO 1 PM**

- ✓ locally grown annual and vegetable seedlings
- ✓ expert advice on gardening with native plants
- ✓ home-grown perennials at bargain prices
- ✓ attic treasures

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AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

for Silent & Live Auction

Donate: Items | Services | Events

Auction Donation Form: uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/auction-donation

Please donate: your professional or volunteer services, homemade dinners, handmade items, gift certificates, new items or high quality used items valued at \$25 or more.

Please, no items that you might find at a yard sale. Give those to the Plant and Yard Sale instead.

DEADLINE TO DONATE IS SUNDAY, MAY 19.

How to Bid & Win? Silent Auction: Opens May 26! More details to follow in eBulletins.

LIVE IN-PERSON AUCTION: SUNDAY, JUNE 9.

Annual Spring Picnic | June 9 after the worship service

SUBMITTED BY RENEE WEST

On Sunday, June 9th, Concord UU will celebrate the arrival of the sun and the closing of another successful official church year, and we'd love your company! Whether you're Team Burger or Team Dog, we'll be grilling up everything a fan needs, including vegan/GF versions, along with drinks and all the fixins. To go along with these heavy-hitters, we'll need a few MVPs who can cover the bases (and the tables) with a variety of scrumptious sides and delectable desserts. I'd love to hear from both old pros and rookies who can step up to the plate and volunteer!



If you plan on attending, donating food and/or time, please let me know either at uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/picnic or on the signup sheet at the church. I may be reached at yolandor@icloud.com with any questions.



Annual Meeting Warrant

June 2, 2024

To all members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Church will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall and via the Zoom remote meeting platform to consider and act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a Clerk pro tempore to record minutes of this meeting.

ARTICLE 2 To receive a Board of Trustees presentation with no vote to be taken.

ARTICLE 3 To receive and accept the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 4 To receive and accept the Slate of Candidates.

ARTICLE 5 To adopt an operating budget for 2024-25

ARTICLE 6 To adopt a capital budget for 2024-25.

ARTICLE 7 To receive and accept the Annual Reports published in the Annual Meeting Prep Packet.

ARTICLE 8 To act upon such additional business as may appropriately be brought before the meeting.

Kelly Mahony

Board of Trustees Chair

All Articles require a simple majority to pass.

Interested people are welcome to come to the meeting and may speak when properly recognized by the moderator, but may not vote unless their name is included on the list of members provided 15 days in advance of the meeting, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Church's Bylaws.



Democracy
means not
“I am as good as you
are,” but
“You are as good as
I am.”

My connection with
the sacred is only as
precious as my
willingness to
acknowledge the
same connection in
others.

-- THEODORE PARKER,
TRANSCENDENTALIST AND
REFORMING MINISTER OF THE
UNITARIAN CHURCH

All are Welcome at Annual Meeting

SUBMITTED BY LEA SMITH,
DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

You are warmly welcomed to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday June 2 at 11:30 am. The meeting will be held in person in Fellowship Hall, and via Zoom. The Board of Trustees will provide a light lunch to sustain us while we vote on important church business. Childcare will be provided.

Watch for the Annual Meeting Prep Packet in mid-May, which will contain the proposed budgets, slate of officers, and more information to help you be an informed voter.

Attend a Budget Forum

Thursday, May 23 at 6pm or Sunday,
May 26 at 11:45 am

In person, or on Zoom. We'll share the proposed Operating and Capital Budgets. This will allow you to get all your questions answered before Annual Meeting. The Budget Forum Zoom room will be at uuma.zoom.us/j/120926709

JUSTICE NOTES

Stewardship Pledge Update | Justice & Equity for Staff

JIM CURLEY, STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

As good Yankees, we are usually reluctant to talk specifics about money. At the worship service a couple weeks ago, I spoke about the \$8,500 gap in pledges for the coming fiscal year that we still want to close.

I talked about the two \$1,500 match challenges now available also; someone will match up to \$1,500 in increased sustaining pledges, AS WELL AS someone will match up to \$1,500 in one-time pledge gift for next fiscal year. **That's a \$6,000 potential amount towards that \$8,500 target. Who will help?**

Here's one of the compelling reasons for us to get to that \$13,000 net budget increase:

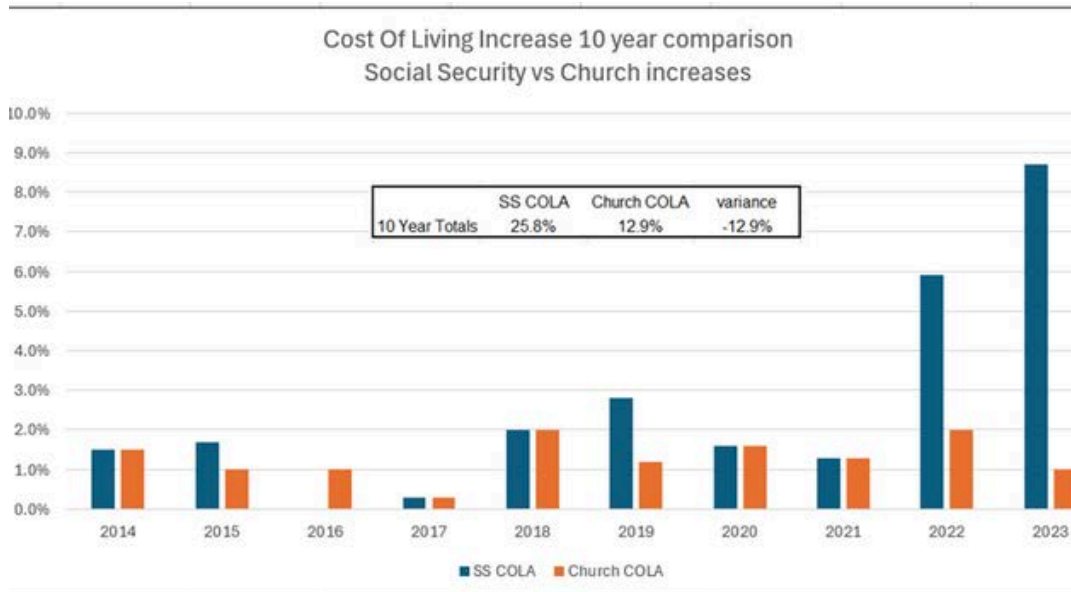
From our March kick-off Parish Notes:

- *Enabling our staff: Your economic kindness allows us to support our staff – ministerial, office, and facilities – with a competitive compensation package.*

As UUs we covenant for unity and compassion, and we owe it to our staff to offer a competitive compensation package. We currently do not meet the UUA's suggested level of salary compensation. Here's one reason why:

	SS COLA	Church COLA	variance
10 Year Totals	25.8%	12.9%	-12.9%

Over the last ten years, we have not kept pace with the Social Security Cost Of Living Allowance increases. We have averaged 50% of those yearly increases, leaving our staff below the 95% UUA suggested salary levels. The details show in the chart below.



With these details, it is clear to me that as a congregation, we should provide an increase to our staff that will move them more toward the UUA suggested salary range. That suggested increase is part of the budget that may be presented to the congregation. It will be spectacular to support the proposed average 3.2% increase.

Can we get there?



Celebrate Contemplative Practices at the UUC

Thursday, June 13 | 6 to 8 pm

Come join in the semi-annual Contemplative Practices Group celebration and planning session. All are welcome! We'll celebrate in Fellowship Hall (or maybe outside!)

We'll start with a potluck meal, then mosey into our meeting.

We have much to be grateful for -- an Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction course this winter, our 10th annual mindfulness meditation retreat, the daily sit, a day-long retreat with Rae Houseman, yoga, meditation, the Brahma Viharas, walking our labyrinth. And more...

Questions? Email betsy.black333@gmail.com

Seeking Summer Service Leaders

We extend a warm invitation to members of the Concord UU congregation to help us plan Sunday summer worship. Summer services are lay led, and we encourage a wide range of people with varied life experiences and a diversity of beliefs to participate.

Please contact Rev. Lyn Marshall, lyn@concorduu.org if you'd like to give a summer sermon or organize a full service. We ask that you please submit a title and short description of your sermon/service idea no later than May 19. Lyn and the Worship Associates can assist you in putting together an Order of Service, and in selecting music or readings, if you like.

Summer services are June 9 through September 1, with no services on July 7 and 14.

So... got an idea to share? When would you like to do your service? We're looking forward to celebrating your gifts and talents!



Emerson's Woodland Playground

With spring comes fun on the church grounds, and the Woodland Playground that belongs to Emerson School! The school has asked us to make sure that if church kids use the playground, that they leave things as they found them, leaving all stumps, logs, etc. in their places. Please do not use anything in the bins. Also please do not put anything into the stream. Although it can be fun to build dams, the depth of the stream impacts Emerson's ability to use the playspace per licensing. Thank you for your help so that we will continue to be allowed to use Emerson's playground.

A New Season Upon Us in 2024, But We Need Some "Yoots"!

SUBMITTED BY DICK DESEVE

As spring approaches, so does SOFTBALL SEASON! Another season of fun and memories with each other, and the players from the other teams in the Concord Church league. This is a league that puts a premium on fun and friendship, with less stress on the intensity of competition you find in some other leagues. While winning always makes it just a bit more fun, those of us who have been on the team for a number of years still enjoy getting out there and giving our all in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

JUST TO HIT THE BALL,
AND TOUCH 'EM ALL,
A MOMENT IN THE SUN
IT'S A-GONE
AND YOU CAN TELL
THAT ONE GOODBYE!

-- FROM "CENTERFIELD" BY
JOHN FOGERTY

What we need an infusion of in the next couple of years is, in a word, "yoots". If you ever saw "My Cousin Vinnie", you'll know what I mean. We need some younger players to complement, and gradually replace, those of us who are getting just a bit long in the tooth (and light on some working body parts!) So, whatever your age and skill, if you've got any interest at all in playing for the Purple of UU this summer, get in touch with me (Dick DeSeve), my wife Sue (our #1 cheerleader, score keeper and cookie maker) or Gary Schroeder. You can reach us through the church office, office@concorduu.org. Give us your name, phone number, and email address, and we'll start working on putting together this year's team!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



Betsy Taylor

I spent my childhood in upstate New York and my adolescence just north of New York City in Westchester County. My family was very active in Methodist churches wherever we lived. While I have positive memories of the churches we attended, and great memories of the church music and singing in the choirs, the theology never sat well. It just did not fit with what I believed. I majored in English at Middlebury College in Vermont, and in early childhood education at Bank Street College of Education in New York City.

I married, taught second and third grade for two years, and then stayed home to raise my three children. After a divorce, I went back to school at Antioch in Keene, New Hampshire and worked as a mental health counselor for 35 years. Highlights of my professional life have been training and practicing EMDR, Internal Family Systems, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, and 20 years teaching in the master's program at Antioch. I met Lindsay Freese (page 13) while we were both teaching, and we spent 20 years living in a cozy house on a lake in Stoddard, New Hampshire. We moved to Havenwood Heritage Heights in Concord five years ago, after I had a minor stroke.

The Northfield Conference holds a week-long summer conference that has been instrumental in my growth as a person, a friend, and a leader for almost 40 years. The core of it is exploring our growing edges as a community in a multi-generational, musical, spiritual, playful "soup." Ask me about it anytime or look it up!

Leah Powers

Over the course of my life I have lived in Florida, Massachusetts, Maine, and currently (2024) I call New Hampshire home. I got married in 2016 to my Long Term, Long Distance, Low Commitment, Casual Boyfriend Mike and now we have 2 young boys and an old farmhouse in Weare.

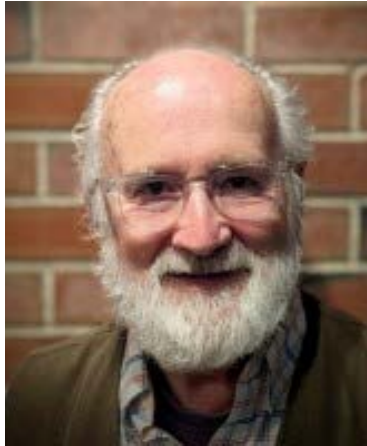
We are a fairly adventurous bunch and try to fit in as much outdoor recreation as everyone can comfortably tolerate. As a family we enjoy camping, boating, fishing, and hiking. My interests also include vegetable gardening, attempting to farm with a tractor from the 1980s, working as a cardiac nurse in a hospital setting, and thrift shopping.



My husband Mike is a Merchant Mariner and goes to sea for a few months at a time. Although we miss him dearly when he is away, he gets lots of recreational time with us when he returns.

I was initially drawn to the UU Church in Concord because I was feeling adrift and wanted to connect with other people in a more meaningful, spiritual way. So far over the past year, I have enjoyed spending time at family-friendly UU events and I see myself continuing to be involved with other parents and their children.

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Lindsay Freese

I was born in Springfield, VT and grew up in Charlestown, NH across the Connecticut River. I attended public schools there, and later I graduated from New England College in Henniker, NH with a B.S. degree in Marketing and Advertising, and then a Master of Education from Antioch/NE Graduate School in Keene, NH. I taught at NH Technical Institute, retiring as a full professor from the human services department. I also taught as an adjunct at Antioch/NE. My teaching focus was primarily addiction counseling.

I spent a number of years working in the music industry. I have played music since I was in high-school, primarily guitar, and played at small venues on the east coast. Later I worked in music and record stores, was involved in wholesale musical instrument sales. Living in Los Angeles I worked in the recording industry, and was Executive Assistant to Paul A. Rothchild, noted record producer. I spent over a year working with him creating the musical soundtrack for the movie, "The Rose." with Bette Midler. Later I lived in Rochester, NY and worked as National Sales Manager at MXR, a leading producer of music sound modification devices. I also have worked in Japan and Korea as a counselor in DOD high schools.

I have a son, Jesse, who lives outside of San Francisco with his wife Kelly, and my two granddaughters Colbie and Zoe. I have many grandchildren whom I share with Betsy Taylor, my marriage partner of many years. I am a Vietnam combat veteran, and have been involved in my own recovery from that experience, and the journey of many others.

Anna Morrison

Born and raised in NH, I spent a few years as a Friend of the congregation while I was splitting my time between college in Pennsylvania and home; I am happy to be officially a Member now! I appreciate the opportunities that Concord UU offers for putting one's values and faith into action. I enjoy foreign languages and currently work for a company that runs study abroad programs; in my free time I enjoy reading and crafting. I'm also part of the Contemplative Knitting Circle.



Welcome also to new members Michael Berry, Mandy Blanchard, Irene Hanslin, Bianca Rivera-Berry, Susan Roman, and Liz Sirois. We hope to feature them in a future issue.



Building Maintenance Committee Needs Your Help

Can you wield a paint brush or roller, swing a hammer, or operate a sander? If so, the Building Maintenance Committee could use your help! This summer, we plan to tackle three projects:

1. The garage needs rot repair at its entrance door
2. Deteriorated roof beam ends need sanding and sealer treatment
3. The walls of the stairwell to the basement need painting.

These three are just a start. Our building has lots of needs. If you can help with any of these efforts, please contact the committee and let us know of your interest and availability. Email your interest to BMC@concorduu.org or speak with Franz Vail, Loren Hill, Nancy Wood, Rob Blakeney, or Warren Haslam.

The photos on this page show this summer's projects. These are scenes most would not see when visiting our church but illustrate the kinds of things we need help with.





Have You Remembered Your Church in Your Will or Trust?

A legacy gift to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord, via a simple codicil to your will or trust, will help ensure our Church's future -- and that it will remain a source of spiritual growth and a force for good in the world that perpetuates values you hold dear.

If you need further information before seeing your estate attorney, please contact the Church office at (603) 224-0291. A member of our Legacy Committee would be pleased to talk with you privately if you would like.

New Policies on Restricted Gifts and Legacy Gifts

To help the church make the best use of its resources to help achieve our mission and goals, recently the Operations Leadership Team approved some policies that were proposed by the Finance Team.

Policy on Restricted Gifts

Definition: A restricted gift is any donation where the donor specified that the funds must be used for a certain purpose related to the church's mission, ends statements, and current operational priorities.

- A restricted gift of less than \$2500 may be spent by the Executive in keeping with the donor's wishes.
- A restricted gift over \$2500 must go through the annual operating or capital budget process, including congregational approval, to be spent. However, in the case of a restricted gift that has very specific restrictions, the Board may authorize it being spent without congregational approval.
- The church will not accept restricted gifts that are unrelated to its mission, ends, or current operational priorities, or that conflict with executive limitations policies.

Policy on Legacy Gifts

Definition: A legacy gift is one that is left to the Church following the donor's death in their will or trust, or via a beneficiary designation, or that a donor indicates that they plan to leave to the church in their will or trust, or via a beneficiary designation.

When a legacy gift is received without donor restrictions, it will be deposited into the investment funds as follows: 20% to Capital Reserve Fund and 80% to Unrestricted funds



UU Art Talks from Home

SUBMITTED BY ROGER BALLOU

On Wednesday, March 20, 8 of the 17 participants in this winter's UU Art Talks from Home went to the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester for lunch and a tour. This was the culmination of our winter study of the lives and paintings of artists John Constable, Claude Monet, Joan Mitchell, Lyonel Feininger, and Jacob van Ruisdael. Each of these renowned artists has a work hanging at the Currier.

Editor's note: The church is very grateful to Roger for this unique offering. We heard it might be repeated next winter!



“To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”

Whether you're familiar with this line as the opening of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, the lyric of the folk songs of Pete Seeger and the Limelitters, or the Byrd's #1 1965 Billboard hit; the message remains the same: all things have an arc of existence. On a much more mundane level, this universal truth also applies to the Wholly Rollers. Consequently, we are disbanding this August, after 9 years of our particular brand of musical madness.

We owe this congregation a major debt of gratitude. It was in the sanctuary of the church, that the idea of the Wholly Rollers was born. You also provided us with our initial practice facilities and became our first “audience”. We've subsequently performed at events from Ossipee, NH to Lowell MA; and have been involved in everything from full concerts to church services. Some of you traveled great distances to support our performances, and we will never be able to fully convey how much that meant to us!

As the Wholly Rollers, we've earned performance fees that have all been donated to local charitable causes, including our church's Pastoral Support Fund. That philosophy generated our unofficial motto: “We're better than we sound!”

If you're in need of one last “Roller fix”, we invite you to join us at the New London Historical Society on Sunday, July 14th at 4:00pm or at Canterbury Shaker Village on Sunday, August 18th at 4:00pm.

It has been a wonderful 9 year run, and as we have often said, “No one has more fun at a Roller concert than the Rollers!” Thank You!

-- *The Wholly Rollers (Jeff Fetter, Brian Roff, Gary Schroeder, Craig Whitson & Dick Bennett)*



Board of Trustees Highlights from April Meeting

SUBMITTED BY JIM SCHLOSSER, BOARD SECRETARY

- The agenda and warrants for the annual meeting were discussed and agreed on.
- The proposed FY25 budget was reviewed in detail.
- Operational highlights include
 - Ten new members joined on April 7, 2024, after completing the four session Exploring Membership group.
 - UU Art Talks led by Roger Ballou concluded with a field trip to the Currier Art Museum in Manchester.
 - The monthly Pancakes, Play, and Planting Peace offered families a chance to have fun while also planting seeds for our gardens. Members of the Board engaged the adult attendees in linkage around the Board's Powerful Question project.
 - Michael is organizing a children's choir to sing jointly with the adult choir on May 12, 2024.
 - Our OWL classes are going strong, with twelve 7th-9th graders having fun getting to know the curriculum and each other.

May Special Events

Apr. 28-May 5 | Family Promise Week

May 2 & 9 @ 6:30 pm, May 5 @ 9:20 am, May 12 @ 9am | Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sun May 5 | Perennial Splitting Demo @ 11:45

Sun May 5 | Beltane Ritual @ 7 pm – Earth Centered Spirituality Group

May 6 -17 | Yard & Plant Sale donations accepted

Sat May 11 | CANCELLED UU Action NH Annual Meeting @ 9 am

Sat May 18 | Yard & Plant Sale | 9 am to 1 pm

Sat May 18 | Planting Natives Information Booth at the Plant Sale

Sun May 19 | eBike Raffle Drawing

Thu May 23 | Budget Forum @ 6 pm

Sun May 26 | Budget Forum @ 11:45 am

Sun May 26 | Silent Auction Public Display & Bidding begins

May 26-June 9 | Silent Auction

Thu May 30 | ELM Invasive Plants Workshop @ 5 pm

Fri-Sat May 31-Jun 1 | UU Village Camp-in @ 5:30 pm

Sun June 2 | Music Sunday

Sun June 2 | Annual Meeting @ 11:30 am

RECURRING EVENTS

Special Worship Services

Taize at Concord UU - 1st Sundays @ 7pm - on hiatus until October

UU Worship at Havenwood - 4th Thursdays @ 1pm

Earth Centered Spirituality Rituals - on or near solstices, equinoxes, and cross-quarter days

Faith Development Events

Sermon Dialogue - 1st Sundays @ 11:45am

Children's Playtime - 1st Sundays 11:15am to 12:45pm

Second Hour Adult Programs - 2nd and 3rd Sundays @ 11:30am

Kids' Wonder Workshop for ages 4-13 - 2nd and 3rd Sundays @ 11:30am

Aging Together: Blessings and Challenges Along the Journey - 2nd Fridays @ 11 am - **changed to May 17th this month**

Social, Family, & Fellowship Events

Youth Group - most Fridays @ 7pm

Community Lunch - 2nd and 3rd Sundays @ 12:30pm

Tuesday's Welcome Table - Tuesdays @ 6pm

Games and Chocolate - 1st Fridays @ 6:30pm

Art & Appetizers - 2nd Fridays @ 6pm

Pancakes, Play & Planting Peace - 1st Saturdays @ 9am

Family Covenant Group - 3rd Fridays @ 6pm (contact organizers before attending)

Parents of Emerging Adults Covenant Group - 3rd Saturdays @ 6pm (contact organizers before attending)

Wild and Precious UU Book Group - 4th Tuesdays @ 5pm

Musical Events

Choir Rehearsal - Thursdays, 7pm to 8:30pm

Choir Warm Up - Sundays when choir is singing @ 9am

Drum Circle - 3rd Sundays @ 7pm

Contemplative Events

Daily Silent Morning Meditation - Daily @ 7am, Zoom Only

Thursday Morning Meditation Group - Thursdays @ 7am, Zoom Only non-church link

Mindfulness Practice Group - 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 6pm

Mindful Yoga - 1st and 3rd Mondays @ 6pm

Contemplative Knitting Circle - 2nd Saturdays @ 10am

Walking the Labyrinth - 1st Sundays 6-9pm - on hiatus until October

Outreach Events

Friendly Kitchen prep and serve day - 1st Wednesdays @ 3pm

Healing & Helping Events

Caregivers Support Group - 4th Sundays @ 7pm

*Renaissance Transgender Group - 2nd Sat @ 4pm, Nov, Jan, Mar & May (contact before attending)

*PFLAG Support Group - 3rd Sundays @ 3pm

*not a church group but open to all



Parish Notes Deadline

June issue: May 19

July/August issue: June 23

Submit to parishnotes@concorduu.org by 2pm on the day of the deadline.

Officers

Treasurer | Karen Mayo

Custodian of Investments | Jack Wakelin

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Clerk | Sara McNeil

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Chair | Kelly Mahony

Vice-Chair | Craig Whitson

Secretary | Jim Schlosser

Roger Ballou

Jim Curley

one vacancy

Staff

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