

The Gleam

May 2008 Newsletter

Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield



Minister's Gleanings

Through a Glass Darkly

Windows. This is the time of year when we really notice them as the earth moves and the sun slides into a welcome and familiar arc, spewing its rays into places once hidden by the darkness of winter. Spring is actually here and so are the remnants of a long and messy season, its aftermath embedded in the sheen of our newly "pollenized" windows.

No longer covered by thermal shades or blinds to keep in the heat, windows personify the changing of our inner seasons as well, as we collect our mops and buckets, Windex, sponges, and towels to prepare for the cleaning of our "dens."

With warmth and sunlight come those reoccurring and newfound dust bunnies that were once hidden from view by the thermal shades and the giant webs spawned by several generations of assorted arachnids that hang ominously from the back of the bookcases. Not to mention what appeared under the bed as the sun reached into places that were obliterated for months, as darkness rendered the small collection of missing pencils, the odd sock, a bedside notebook, two wrapped pieces of hard candy, and one oddly shaped, slightly unrecognizable something that was probably important... invisible. As the shades go up and the sun comes in, what once could be blissfully ignored (a gift of winter) can no longer be tolerated. It is surely nature's way that we are forced to notice what has been imperceptible and undiscovered for so long as we hunkered down into the darkness.

Spring comes to us as no other season. Our windows are the first sign of nature's change, of awakening to the light and the warmth. To fully see the beauty through the glass darkly means removing all the months of grit and dust, the smudges and smears on the outside, to truly see what has become newly visible on the inside as well.

Letting the light shine through always takes work. For some it is easier to just leave the shades and the debris where it remains unseen. For others it is a joy to put in the effort and labor to uncover what the light has revealed.

Spring is truly an awakening in more amazing ways than we realize. May yours be filled with light.

Sincerely,
Holly

Lunch with the Ministers, May 7

All are welcome to join Holly and Jackie for a soup lunch on the first Wednesday of each month at 12 noon. If you like, bring bread, side dish, or dessert to share.

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Upcoming Worship Schedule

May 4: Children's Sunday

May 11: Rev. Jackie Clement: Musical service with the Firehouse Band

May 18: Rev. Holly Baylies (subject TBD)

May 25: Rev. Jackie Clement (subject TBD)

Annual Birthday Bash, May 3

Celebrate our church's 195th birthday and each of our birthdays on Saturday, May 3 at 6pm.

- Bring a dinner item for the potluck dinner (no desserts needed)
- Bring some items for decorating a cake; share a table with your birthday-month mates; and join them in a cake decorating contest;
- Bring in a birthday gift "to the church" (anything from paper towels to stamps to gift cards for Staples or A.C. Moore).

A fun night for all! Helpers needed!!!

For more information, contact Sheila Moran, 781-246-9442

Children's Sunday, May 4

It's May, and the opportunity awaits you to try your hand (and your feet) at our Maypole dance. Our Director of Religious Education, Starbuck Hersey, has incorporated this seasonal delight within the morning's Children's Sunday Service. There promises to be lots of music, as many of the youths play instruments. The church's Jr. Choir & Ensemble have been busy rehearsing three songs, all with the common theme of color. A skit is planned, drawn from the Green Promise lesson of the Spirit Play Curriculum.

Bible Classes, May 4 and 18

Two sessions left in the Adult Enrichment series on the Bible! If you didn't get a chance to join Jackie and Holly on the first two evenings please feel welcome to join them on Sunday evenings, May 4 and 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 as they explore the history of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles. The first two workshops have been a blast! All are welcome.

Musical Service, May 11

You'll want to invite your friends on this Sunday as we share a stirring musical service with UU folk group The Firehouse Band. House band at the Firehouse Coffeehouse in Littleton, MA, this quartet consists of Carolyn Hotchkiss, Sara Weeks, Eric Semple, and Charlie Weeks. UU values of peace, love, and understanding will be at the center of this service. Come ready to sing!

Finance Committee Meeting, May 12

The finance committee will meet on Monday, May 12 at 7:30 at the church, in the nursery if available. We will be working on coordinating fund raising: check that all the usual events have a leader or committee; see if any new events fit the schedule and should be tried; and figure out a way to let everyone know that fund raisers should go through the finance committee so we don't have three at once, then none for three months. We will also go over the pledge and budget process (to get feedback while we remember). Anyone interested in any aspect of this is welcome to join us. Contact committee chair Susan Kilkelly if you have any questions.

Circle Suppers are Back! May 17

The Membership Committee will hold a Circle Supper on Saturday, May 17 at 6 pm! See page 11 for information and a sign-up form.

Spring Revival Celebration, May 17

On May 17, the Mass Bay and Ballou Channing districts are co-sponsoring a Spring Revival, celebrating the spirit of Unitarian Universalism. The event will take place on the lawn of the First Parish UU in Canton, MA from 10 am to 3 pm. Two district ministers will be featured, Parisa Parsa and Tim Kutzmark, in addition to Victoria Weinstein and Erik Wikstrom. In addition to wonderful preaching, there will be children's programming and adult conversations, and discussions parallel to the worship. Experience traditional and contemporary music and singing led by Jeannie Gagne and Matt Meyer. This is an event designed for the whole family to become excited and engaged in a celebration of Unitarian Universalism.

The cost is: \$30 per adult; \$15 per child/youth; or \$65 per family. See http://www.mbdoua.org/uploads/Revival_flier.pdf to print out the flyer, or call Wendy Dennis at (781) 246-9751 if you would like a flyer mailed to you. The flyer will also be posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.

Book Group, May 18

The book group has been inactive during this period of many meetings about the state of the church, but will meet again on the 18th of May to discuss books they've read and books they recommend for summer reading. They will start about 12 noon or when coffee hour quiets down and meet on stage in the library.

For more information, contact Mary Adele Taylor (deletaylor@rcn.com).

Monthly Mice, May 21

The Mice had two productive sessions in April. On April 2, Mice Kay Lewis, Eric Reid, Matthew Jewett, Chris Fontein, Jenna Rankin, Elizabeth Lowry, Gwenn Therrien, and Janine Fabiano worked on cleaning walls and woodwork in the foyer, sanctuary, and nursery, and oiling and polishing the natural wood in the sanctuary. Also, all of the pew cushions were turned and repositioned. Being that the second session, Wednesday April 23 was a beautiful spring evening, Mice Janet Schuchter, Janine Fabiano, Francine Boody (sister of Janine), and Eric Reid began working outside, picking up trash and raking the front lawn. At dusk, the mice scurried inside to work on cleaning walls and woodwork in the main hall and replacing the ceiling tiles in the nursery. Thank-you to all our April Mice -- great job!

The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm. There is plenty to do to clean up and fix up the interior of our church building and grounds, so please come and join us. The work isn't too hard, and camaraderie is very fun. The more mice, the merrier!

Lastly, if you are aware of an area that needs to be addressed, please identify what needs to be fixed/cleaned/organized, what supplies may be needed, and put it in writing (email is best) to Janine Fabiano, j9fabiano@yahoo.com.

My Brother's Table, May 24

Saturday, May 24th is our turn to serve at My Brother's Table in Lynn. We prepare the meal from about 12:30 pm until the doors open at 2:30 pm, when we serve the meal. We are always all cleaned up and out the door by 4:30 pm. Children above the age of 9 or 10 can participate, too. We

are seeing increasing numbers of hungry people with the current recession.

If you can participate, even for part of the time, please contact Martie Vatalaro at martie1@earthlink.net or (781) 245-8408. She would be happy to pick you up or provide directions.

Craft Fair Update: Request List

Summer is coming soon and it will be time for the craft fair elves to get out their tools and sewing machines. Following is a list of materials we will need to make our products this year:

- Bags of fiberfill
- Pieces of lace or velvet
- Wreath decorations
- Seed pods of interesting design (no cones please, we still have plenty)
- Remnant cotton prints
- Cinnamon sticks
- One jar each of peppercorns and bay leaves
- Six 4-inch diameter Styrofoam balls
- One can of Krylon spray paint in each of the following colors: Red, Crystal Clear, and Crackle finish
- Any ribbons 1-inch wide or smaller in white, silver, or gold
- Gift cards from any one of: ACMoore, Michael's, JoAnn Fabrics



These items can be left in the craft fair box in the social hall on or before Sunday June 8, or contact Gwenn Therrien for pickup, (781) 224-0624 or gwennT39@aol.com.

A schedule of summer workshops will be printed in the June Gleam. Come and see what fun we have. Once again, thank you for all your past help. We have been able to double our sales at the craft fair each year since 2005. Let's keep the trend going!

Quilt Raffle for Church Building Fund

The handmade quilt will be finished soon, and our intention is to sell raffle tickets in two ways:

1. At our church's space on the Wakefield Common during the Festival by the Lake, June 7 from 10 am to 4 pm.
2. by individual church members/friends.

Taking #2 first: Prior to the Festival date, Gwenn Therrien will be distributing packets of raffle tickets, plus photos of the quilt and instructions. All proceeds and ticket stubs need to be returned to me before the Festival date, so we have an idea where we stand. The tickets will be priced at \$1 each or 6 for \$5; packets will include 25 tickets. So, ideally, you could sell 6 each to 4 of your friends/relatives/neighbors and buy the last one for yourself. Sounds easy, huh? I am hoping for at least 15 volunteers for this phase.

Then #1: We will need several volunteers on Festival day to help with setting up the tent (so generously lent to us by Jody and Dan Sherman) and one or two tables, selling raffle tickets throughout the day, and taking everything down at festival's end.

The raffle drawing will take place during coffee hour the next day, which happens to be our last regular Sunday service before summer break.

If you are willing to help in any part of this fundraiser, please contact Gwenn Therrien, (781) 224-0624 or gwennT39@aol.com.

THE SAUGUS SECTION

Minister's Column

May 2 is Yom HaShoah. It is a day for remembering the catastrophic loss of life that took place in the Holocaust, to honor the memory of those lost and to make sure such a horror never is permitted to happen again. In English Yom HaShoah is known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, but the full Hebrew title translates to "Remembrance Day for the Holocaust and Heroism." Thus the day is not only about remembering all that was lost, but the heroism that stood side by side with that loss. There was the heroism of those who died, and there was the heroism of those who opposed the Nazis and lived.

Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, recognizes those non-Jews who risked their own lives in assisting Jews to hide or escape as the Righteous Among Nations. There are three Americans who have been so recognized and honored. Two of them, Martha and the Rev. Waitstill Sharp, were Unitarians. The Sharps were honored for their work not only by Yad Vashem but also by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and by the US Congress, which issued a proclamation on September 8, 2006 recognizing the Sharps as true American heroes.

Like many of those who put their lives on the line to rescue those in danger, the Sharps did so out of moral and religious conviction that saw no boundaries between denominations or nationalities. The sorry fact, though, is that the Sharps and others like them were few and far between among the world's religious people. There was little outcry against the genocide of the Nazis that came from the world's religious leaders and then only very late in the game. Those individuals of religious conviction who went to the aid of European Jews often did so against the very policies of their own churches. Our own history as a denomination is no more forward thinking or courageous than others.

Why? Why did religious communities across the globe not take a stand? And why did some individuals feel so strongly as to defy their own religious authority and risk their own deaths to intervene? What in their religious tenets and teaching provided the moral compass to such certainty and courage? Do we have it in our church, in our teachings, in the values we transmit to our children? Where do we stand today?

On this coming day of remembrance may we all take a few minutes to consider not only what has been, but what we hope will be.

Blessings,
Jackie

To Our Saugus Readers:

If you have any news or information you would like to share with both congregations, please send it in to the Gleam at wakefielduuchurch@yahoo.com, and specify if you would like it published in The Saugus Section. Also, feel free to suggest a more snappy name!

News from the Worship Committee

Wanted: Sunday Service Coordinator

At the April 9 Annual Meeting, the church membership voted in favor of eliminating the church administrator position to balance the church budget. Since the church is running without that position, the Board of Management has decided to go with a standard Order of Service to be reused at each of our weekly Sunday services. Also, there will be no insert of weekly announcements.

Also, no one has volunteered to be the Sunday Morning Volunteer Coordinator for the next church year. The Board is dividing the position into two positions hoping that separately each position will feel more manageable: "Sunday Service Coordinator" filling usher, greeter, and announcer positions, and a "Coffee Hour Coordinator" filling coffee hour setup, cleanup, bakers, & trash removal positions. The Worship Committee will work with the Sunday Service Coordinator. A volunteer from the congregation is needed to fill that new position. Please contact Janine Fabiano if you would be willing to be the Sunday Service Coordinator for the next church year, or if you have any questions about the position.

If we are unable get a Sunday Service Coordinator and/or continue having a difficult time filling the volunteers positions each Sunday, we will need to return to having the minister read the announcements at our services and greet before the services.

Please remember you can sign up for any of the Sunday morning volunteer positions on the database, "Sunday Morning Volunteers" on the WakefieldUU Yahoo Group: WakefieldUU@yahoogroups.com, or by contacting Elizabeth Lowry for the remainder of this church year.

Janine Fabiano
Worship Committee co-chair
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News from the Membership Committee

The Membership committee is back in full swing!

Saturday, a wonderful birding event was planned by Sheila Moran who got a Mr. Peterson from the Audubon Society to speak and lead a bird walk at Reedy Meadow. The attendees were people from the community, as well as from our church.

Our next event is the Birthday Bash on May 3 at 6 pm. This will be a potluck supper. We are asking for two more cake layers to be donated — please call or email Nancy Trimper if you can donate. For newcomers, the Birthday Bash is a celebration of the Church's birthday — this year it's turning 196 — and also of the birthdays of all members and friends. Everyone sits at the table of their birth month. There are six cakes to be decorated after supper, each one covers two months. Certificates honoring each cake's special qualities will be awarded. Bring any decorations you have around, any special ones you would like to use, such as frosting, etc. This is definitely a family-friendly event. Bring a gift for the church such as kitchen or office supplies.

We have also revived Circle Suppers, and have scheduled one for May 17. See the sign-up form on page 11. — we need a volunteer host.

We will be putting information about our church on the table at the Festival by the Lake in June, sending out welcoming postcards with church information to newcomers to our town, plus Stoneham, Melrose, Reading, and Lynnfield, and preparing a welcoming table for the Church Hall.

Finally, in order to make our people more visible to the public, we would like anyone who is involved in town or government activities to sign a list we will put out stating what you do, such as working on the food pantry, Friends of Library, Conservation Committee, etc., which we will publicize in the newspapers.

Nancy Trimper
nptrim@rcn.com

News From The Board of Management

“The world needs us, and we need each other.”

- Lorraine Dennis, current President, Reading UU Church

I'd like to start with a big thank you from us all to Kay Lewis for accepting another term as Treasurer, Dennis Fardy for continuing on the Board of Management (BOM) and taking on the position of Clerk, Janine Fabiano and Janet Schuchter for also continuing on as BOM members, and to new BOM members Matthew Jewett and Mike McLane. We have an excellent team.

The minutes of each BOM meeting will be posted on the bulletin boards in the Sanctuary and the Social Hall once they are approved at the subsequent BOM meeting. And, I will use this column to further update everyone as to BOM and church activities and issues.

One of the BOM's major goals is to improve communication throughout our congregation, a challenge compounded by our not funding the administrator position at this time.

I'd say we are off to a good start, given all the submissions from committee chairs and program or project contacts to this month's Gleam! And, a big thank you to John Swanson, who, with assistance from Marcia Calvin, is seeing that the Gleam gets published and distributed.

To further aid in clear communication, the committee report section of the BOM agenda has been moved from the end of the agenda to the initial report section and the Board liaison to each of the committees has been updated. Next in line is setting up a system to ensure that the minutes and other updates from all committees, as well as Sunday morning announcements, get posted at the church and online.

The Board is currently going through the Administrator job description and has begun delegating urgent tasks. I suspect that the June Gleam will have a list of ongoing, monthly, and once-a-year tasks for which we will need volunteers.

Because we are not able to fund the Minister position beyond what we voted at the April 2007 Annual Meeting, the Board is planning to meet with Holly to discuss time management and any other concerns. Rev. Terasa Cooley, our District Executive from the Mass Bay District, has offered to assist us with this process.

Next month's agenda includes determining BOM goals for the church year and scheduling what had been, up through the summer of 2004, the traditional summer “Board Retreat” day designed to give the BOM a chance to review goals and processes. Possible

subjects of this year's retreat are the development of our mission statement, the creation of a marketing plan, and planning for a congregational-wide discussion about the meaning of ministry.

During the next few weeks, the BOM will create and send out a survey to members and active friends of our congregation designed to help us create a “working draft” mission statement for our congregation.

There is more – but, because so many folks contributed to the Gleam, I am out of room! I'll end by referring you back to Lorraine's quote. I ask that you take time during the next few weeks to think about WHY the world needs us, “us” meaning: the congregation of the Wakefield UU Church at 326 Main Street, and why WE, the members and friends of our congregation, need each other. Once we have a clear realization of just how much we offer, or can offer, each other, the local community, and the larger world, I believe that our congregation will truly blossom.

- Wendy Dennis, President

From The Ad Hoc Building Committee

The Ad Hoc Building Committee held its second meeting on April 24, the first meeting since the congregation voted to remove the spire from our building and repair the tower and belfry. Along with developing a final RFP, the committee is also researching different scenarios for things such as weathervane storage, disposing of the spire, and confirming with abutters and the Town of Wakefield as to options for crane placement.

From the Editor

All submissions to the Gleam must be in writing - email, paper copy, or disk. Please include the contact name, phone #, and/or email address for each article. Newer members and friends don't always know who we are or how to contact us.

Please send e-mail submissions to wakefielduuchurch@yahoo.com, and include the word “Gleam” in the subject line.

The next Gleam deadline is May 25.

(I will be traveling that week, so early submissions are encouraged.)

NOTE: If you receive a “paper copy” of the Gleam, and do have an email address through which you could receive an electronic copy of the Gleam, please email us at wakefielduuchurch@yahoo.com and we will put you on the “online” Gleam email list. This reduces church postage, ink, and paper costs, and every little bit does help.

John Swanson (781) 245-0441

Linden Tree Coffeehouse

Jack Williams and Brooks Williams

May 10, 2008

\$18 in advance/\$20 at the door

(Call 781-246-2836 to reserve a seat for this show or inquire about advance ticket pricing.)

Jack Williams, a South Carolina-born artist, is now recognized by the contemporary U.S. folk community as a singer/songwriter of national stature and an uncommonly unique guitarist. Jack's fusion of guitar, voice and songs – which are loaded with delightful influences from a career in jazz, classical, rock, blues, country, and folk – should not be missed.

With bluesy finger-picking, soaring bottleneck slide, and swinging flat-picking, Brooks Williams' music is rooted in the blues and is as fresh and original as any music you are likely to hear. His guitar skills won him a place on the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists list, in company with the likes of Michael Hedges, Chet Atkins, Leo Kottke, Doc Watson, and David Bromberg, to name a few.

Volunteers get in free! To volunteer, email LTC volunteer coordinator Deborah Feinn at lindenfolk@yahoo.com. For more information, see: www.lindentreecoffeehouse.org

1st of the Universalist Unitarian* Charity Series raised \$337 for Our Congregation!

Okay, I have to ask Zephyr, the award-winning (high placement in the 2008 WBCN Battle of the Bands) band comprised of WHS students to switch the order of the “U’s”* on their Myspace page, but, these kids rock, literally and figuratively. Zephyr has performed at many, if not all of the fund raiser concerts put on by local students that we have hosted in our Social Hall since 2006. Joining other bands and solo performers, members of Zephyr and other talented young folks have raised money for Darfur, our local food pantry, breast cancer research, and now, even us! The next concert is Friday evening, May 23 and will raise funds for Darfur. A number of talented bands, along with Zephyr, will be performing. Stop by if you have a chance! - Wendy Dennis, Rentals and Music Fan :)

Joyful Hands Summer Art Camp

Children *love* this camp! This wonderful art camp uses books, daily themes, multicultural perspectives, and guided visualizations as a springboard for children's natural spontaneity and creativity. Join Marianne Snow, M.Ed. and Mary Taggart B.F.A. for our seventh year of sharing our love of art, literature, and creativity with children (ages 7 - 13). Varied art mediums will be explored — painting, sculpting, print-making, drawing, mosaic, collage, and more. Group times for sharing and bonding activities are a favorite of the kids. This camp is for any level of experience, and is held here at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Wakefield.

When: July 21-25 and/or July 28-Aug 1
(Mon-Fri) 8:45 am - 2:00 pm

Cost includes all art materials:

Regular Rate - \$250 per week

Discount for more than one child in a family is \$20.00 per week.

If you have questions or need a registration form, please contact Marianne Snow at (781) 246-0365 or Mary Taggart at (781) 246-9049, or email mctpaint@yahoo.com.

Waterville, ME UU Church

The Kilkelly's and I were in Maine to see Peter and were astonished when we drove past the UU church of Waterville to see their dome removed from the church and sitting on the front lawn. We took pictures, and when we got home I googled and found the Church newsletter which describes some of the process they went through in repairing their structure. I was struck by the following comment:

"By now, you all know that James Julia Auctioneers helped pass along our dome and weathervane, for good money. Another chapter in our church's history has passed (the clock has been sold as well); we had a moment of silence in church for them. But we are the church, and we chose repairs that would allow us still to give out into the community. Besides, we are well-insulated, with an efficient new boiler and two-zone heating system."

-Mary Adele Taylor

From Our Music Director:

It's always interesting to me to check out the usher count week by week. For what it's worth, here are the numbers for April:



4/6 - Rev. Holly Baylies "In Your Dreams..."

Usher count— 30 adults; 3 children

4/13 - Rev. Jackie Clement "The Kornitzer Method"

Usher count— 44 adults

4/20 - Rev. Holly Baylies "Let Us Take a Moment of...
Laughter"

Usher count— 30 adults; 4 children

4/27 - Rev. Jackie Clement "Cuz Why?"

Usher count - 35 adults; 5 children

If you're curious as to what attendance has looked like since September (there isn't enough space in this issue to reproduce the multi-page chart I've assembled), you might want to check out the display at the rear of the sanctuary, or email me, and I'll send it as an attachment.

A Brief Sunday Summary from a Music Perspective

The first Sunday of April was Dream Sunday here at the church. Holly delivered a sermon on that theme and the music program offered the choral anthem "Hold On to Your Dream" by Jay Althouse; an anthem about the night "El Ritmo de la Noche"; and for a change of pace, but in keeping with the topic, a trio singing that great Everly Brothers' song "(Dream, Dream, Dream) All I Have To Do Is Dream". Guitarist/vocalist Steve Breton was joined by vocalists Wendy Dennis and Jeff Workman.

The Rev. Jackie Clement's service on the month's second Sunday was about love and peace. The music program delivered two especially pretty anthems (Jackie even complimented us from the pulpit!) from our repertoire: "Peace" by Dave & Jean Perry and the morning's favorite "Pachelbel's Canon of Peace". The latter was an arrangement of Pachelbel's legendary "Canon in D".

On the third Sunday of our new fiscal year the music director sought out some humorous songs to complement a service that Holly was leading about laughter. Bordering on silly (I don't know if we crossed that line or not), there was a song from "The Wizard of Oz"; a song about a relationship imperiled by modern technology; and a rather brief madrigal. I couldn't stay for the sermon, so I can't

report what kind of fit the music was.

April's final Sunday found Jackie in the pulpit addressing the question why do we go to church. A big lure to attending church is, as we see it, music. Our singers assembled quite a varied assortment of songs – something to fit every taste all connected with a theme of silence. The canzonetta (which sounds very much like a madrigal) had the happy benefit of a bass voice: John Bumstead. We hope he sings with us more. A song that was written as part of a cycle, "One Voice: I Will Not Be Silent" – and written four hundred years after the canzonetta, was also made special by virtue of the solo part so wonderfully executed by Kelli Parece. The third song, composed a mere 40 years ago, was performed by no less than nine of our singers, and who knows how many in the pews! See reference below.

Jr. Choir & Ensemble News

Singing three songs during the month of March, the Jr. Choir & Ensemble maintained the same ratio in April as well. They began the month by joining forces with the adult choir on 4/06 on a fun choral anthem. Skipping a week they contributed a song to the laugh service: "The Merry Old Land of Oz". And on 4/27 they were the lynchpin of the music director's theme of silence, with the 1960's favorite "Sounds of Silence" aided and abetted by guitarist Dennis Fardy.

Looking ahead to May, the month begins with Children's Sunday. If all goes according to plan, the group will be singing three songs all connected to the RE curriculum's usage of color. Two weeks later the Ensemble will sing a combined choral anthem with the adult choir. The group's participation on Memorial Day Weekend is uncertain. We hope to perform on both Sundays in June.

The Music Director Is Nervous

Who wouldn't be? The adult choir has two weeks in May off in a row. They won't be singing for Children's Sunday, or for the Firehouse Band service the next week either. Their regular routine of showing up for 9:30am choir rehearsal will be derailed. What if they find something else to do on Sunday mornings? Horrors! Scary thought, huh? Luckily they'll still be keeping up with their Tuesday night practices, so church music will still be on their minds. I'd better be picking some really good songs...

-Jeff Workman

May Sunday Morning Volunteers List

May 4

Usher: R.E. program
Announcer: R.E. program
Greeter: R.E. program
Coffee hour set-up: Jenna Rankin-Doucette
Coffee hour clean-up:
Baked goods: R.E. program
Trash:
Heat: Wendy Dennis

May 11

Usher:
Announcer: Jenna Rankin-Doucette
Greeter:
Coffee hour set-up: Janine Fabiano
Coffee hour clean-up: John Bumstead
Baked goods: Lucy Skeldon, Jenna Rankin-Doucette
Trash:
Heat:

May 18

Usher:
Announcer: John Swanson
Greeter:
Coffee hour set-up: Chris Fontein
Coffee hour clean-up: Chris Fontein
Baked goods:
Trash: Janine Fabiano
Heat:

May 25

Usher: Jenna Rankin-Doucette
Announcer:
Greeter:
Coffee hour set-up: Sheila Moran
Coffee hour clean-up: Janine Fabiano
Baked goods: Lucy Skeldon, Jenna Rankin-Doucette
Trash:
Heat:

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Elizabeth Lowry is the Sunday volunteer coordinator. As you can see on the list above, we have lots of volunteer openings for May. Please sign up on the list in the fellowship hall sign-up board, through the Wakefield UU Yahoo Group database, "Sunday Morning Volunteers" or by contacting Elizabeth. Also, if you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Elizabeth: elizlowry86@rcn.com; 781-246-2524. Thanks!

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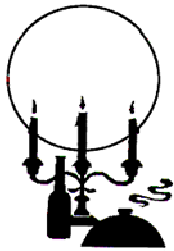
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Circle Suppers are Back!

Next happening on: Saturday, May 17, 2008

Mark your calendar now!!

!!! Sign-up deadline is Sunday, May 11 !!!!

These are potluck suppers for 7-9 adults held five times a year, in different homes each time. They provide a good way to gather in an informal setting to get to know new people or get better acquainted with familiar faces. Whether you've just started visiting the church or have been around a long time, you'll find Circle Suppers to be a nice evening of fun, engaging conversation, and good food.

Sign up by stuffing the form (below) into the **Circle Suppers** box at church. If you sign up, please consider it a commitment to provide part of the meal, even if an unforeseen problem prevents your attending. That way there won't be any gap in the meal.

Organizers call those who have volunteered to be hosts Sunday evening, May 11th, to tell them of their assigned guests.

Supper hosts call guests by Tuesday, May 13th, to discuss meal contributions and the time for the event.

Suggested Meal Plan

Here's a suggested way to divide the preparation so nobody is overburdened:

Host Set the time, call guests by Tuesday, May 13th provide seating for 7-9 people (card tables or lap trays are fine). *No cooking! No driving! No babysitter!*

(Note: If a couple hosts, one will be a "guest" and cook.)

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| Guest 1 | Hors d'oeuvres for 7-9 people | Guest 5 | Salad for 7-9 people |
| Guest 2 | Wine for 7-9 people | Guest 6 | Side dish for 7-9 people |
| Guest 3 | Main course for 4-5 people | Guest 7 | Dessert for 7-9 people |
| Guest 4 | Main course for 4-5 people | Guest 8 | Another side dish or salad |

Questions?

Call Fern Barkalow (781-621-8194) or email at barkalow@rcn.com.

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Put this form in the **Circle Suppers** box at Church by Sunday, May 11th or mail to Fern Barkalow, 54 West Park Drive, Wakefield 01880.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I/We would appreciate transportation _____

I/We prefer a special diet _____

I/We would like to be a **Host** _____ **Guest** _____ **Host-in-a-pinch** _____

Wakefield UU Church May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings & events are at the church unless otherwise noted	() parenthesis represents rentals <i>italics</i> for dates of general interest			1	2	3 Annual Birthday Bash and potluck dinner 6:00 pm
4 Services and RE 10:30 am (Laugh Club 3-4) Adult RE – Bible 7 pm Food Coop order due	5 (Home school Theater 10 am-noon) RE Committee 6 pm	6 (Irish Step 2:30-6) (Dog Training 6:30-7:30) Choir 7:00-8:30 pm	7 <i>cleaning</i> Lunch with Holly and Jackie 12 noon	8 Food Coop Pickup	9	10 LTC setup 3:30- Linden Tree Coffee House 8pm
11 Services and RE 10:30 am	12 (Home school Theater 10 am-noon) Finance Committee 7:30 pm	13 (Irish Step 2:30-6) (Dog Training 6:30-7:30) Choir 7:00-8:30 pm	14 <i>cleaning</i> Board of Management 7:30 pm	15	16	17 Circle Supper 6 pm Location TBA
18 Services and RE 10:30 am Book Group 12 noon (Laugh Club 3-4) Adult RE – Bible 7 pm	19 (Home school Theater 10am-noon 6:00 pm show) SOS Committee 7 pm	20 (Irish Step 2:30-6) (Dog Training 6:30-7:30) Choir 7:00-8:30 pm	21 <i>cleaning</i> Monthly Mice 7 pm	22	23 2 nd of the Zephyr Charity Series Concerts - Darfur. Note: organized by very talented WHS students.	24 Volunteering at <i>My Brother's Table</i> 1:30 pm
25 Services and RE 10:30 am Glean Deadline	26	27 (Irish Step 2:30-6) (Dog Training 6:30-7:30) Choir 7:00-8:30 pm	28 <i>cleaning</i> Evensong 7:30 pm	29	30	31

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