



# FUSN *News*

First Unitarian Society in Newton

*Unitarian Universalist*

March 19 - April 2, 2017

## SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:15 A.M.

### The theme for March is Love

3/19 - Music Sunday: When Love and Strength Are United

3/26 - Rev. Erin Splaine

### The theme for April is Trust

4/2 - Rev. Erin Splaine - Special Collection

4/9 - Lifespan R.E. Sunday

4/16 - Intergenerational Easter Service

4/23 - Rev. Erin Splaine

4/30 - Youth Service

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING

The semi-annual committee chairs meeting of the church year will be held on Saturday March 18 from 12:00 -2:00 p.m., in the Children's Chapel. This is an opportunity for committee chairs—and other interested folks—to share information about committee activities. Please let Susan Bartlett know if you are planning to attend, [susan\\_bartlett@verizon.net](mailto:susan_bartlett@verizon.net).

## A NEW NAME FOR FUSN

Should FUSN change its name to the "First Unitarian Universalist Society in Newton"? In the fall we'll vote on this but for now we need to hear each other's thoughts. So come after the service on March 26 at 11:45 a.m. in the Children's Chapel to find out how we think and feel about this proposed change. Our moderator, Dwight Golann, will orchestrate the meeting. See you then.

## MUSINGS

It must be somewhere, the original harmony,  
somewhere in great nature, hidden.

Is it in the furious infinite,  
in distant stars' orbits,  
is it in the sun's scorn,  
in a tiny flower, in tregossip,  
in heartmusic's mothersong  
or in tears?

It must be somewhere, immortality,  
somewhere the original harmony must be found:  
how else could it infuse  
the human soul,  
that music?

The Sanctuary Choir will sing a setting of this poem by the Estonian poet Juhan Liiv (1864-1913) on Music Sunday (March 19). Liiv struggled with mental illness in adulthood and his works were in the main ignored, save for his story "The Shadow" and a collection of poems published in 1909. He is now regarded as one of the finest Estonian poets.

Other music you will hear on Sunday: a lovely setting of "Shenandoah" by Geoff Wadsworth for the Flute Choir; "Asturias" by Isaac Albéniz as danced by CreationDance; and the sublime "Dona nobis pacem" from Bach's *Mass in B minor* for chorus and orchestra. The service is titled "When Love and Strength Are United", but sneaking in there, almost unacknowledged, is just...beauty. Beautiful music, beautiful words. We look forward to sharing it all with you.

-Anne Watson Born

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT ON FRIDAY

Celebrate Saint Patrick's at FUSN!



You are cordially invited to a night of family fun at FUSN. This Friday, March 17, we will celebrate St Patrick's Day with a multi-generational evening of fellowship in the Parish Hall. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. to eat and have a good time together until around 8:00 p.m. Pizza and

soft drinks will be served, but you are encouraged to bring a tasty side dish or dessert to share. There will be fun activities for kids and adults alike, including a scavenger hunt and (fingers crossed) a merry Irish sing-along! :-D

You can come for the whole evening, or for whatever time works best for you. RSVP to me ([sam@fusn.org](mailto:sam@fusn.org)) so we have a rough idea of how much pizza to order. But don't worry if you decide to come at the last minute. Everyone will be welcome!

If you would like to bring some games, or if you have a favourite Fun Night activity, or if you would like to bring an instrument for a jam or singalong, or if you are inspired with an idea for how to make merry the evening on St Paddy's, then get in touch and let me know! We could use some volunteers before and after (and possibly during) so it would be great to hear from you if you have a hand to lend. :-)

Warm wishes to all FUSNites (and those they love),  
Sam, Membership Coordinator, [sam@fusn.org](mailto:sam@fusn.org)

## YOUTH BROADCAST

Thank you for tuning into another week of the Youth Ministry Broadcast. Last Saturday was the annual Youth Coffee House and it was great! Singers, song-writers, acappella groups and more from Newton North and Newton South high schools performed, FUSN youth ran the show and the COA class helped serve food to guests, all while raising money for Communities Without Borders. Thank you for attending, volunteering, and supporting FUSN youth in this fundraiser.

A few upcoming youth events!

## YOUTH BROADCAST (continued)

**March 17-19** - Another World is Possible: UU Youth Social Justice Weekend. The justice weekend will run from Friday evening until Sunday morning and will be open to all UU high school youth in the region. The weekend will include many different social justice oriented workshops, including Spiritual Care for the Revolution, Protesting 101, youth worship services, great food, and lots of fun! The weekend will take place at Winchester Unitarian Society.

**March 26** - FUSN Field Day: This is an event for 5th-12th grade junior and senior youth. We will be spending a day at Project Adventure on their high/low ropes course. It will be a day of team building, leadership, and fun. So far we have 19 FUSN youth attending Field Day!

**April 30** - Youth-led Sunday Service and Senior Bridging Ceremony  
*-Dani Lindstrom*

## LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Lifespan RE Sunday is a joyful celebration involving children, youth, and adults in exploring our Seven Principles through music, words, and art. We hope you will join us for this meaningful service!

Because of our preparations, we're bringing some of the different classes together to work on music and occasionally other projects See the schedule below!

### March 19

PreK-3rd grade start in classrooms, making sanctuary decorations and teacher appreciation cards (shhh!). 4th-7th graders start in Children's Chapel to rehearse music. At 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 pickup, they swap and older kids work on projects for the Sanctuary PreK-3rd grade rehearse music in the Children's Chapel.

### March 26

PreK-4th grade start in classrooms. PreK has a lesson. K & 1st grade cook treats for RE Sunday Coffee Hour. 2nd-4th grade make props for RE Sunday. From 11 until pickup at 11:30, PreK-4th grade rehearse music in Children's Chapel. 5th-12th graders away at FUSN Field Day.

### April 2

PreK-7th grade start in classrooms. Whole group run through of hymns. Final preparations and pick up at 11:30 in Head Start Room and Children's Chapel.

### April 9

Lifespan RE Sunday! Anyone with a speaking part should arrive by 9:35 for a rehearsal that starts at 9:40 sharp.

Questions? Enthusiastic excitement? Please contact [rowan@fusn.org](mailto:rowan@fusn.org) or [beth@fusn.org](mailto:beth@fusn.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**What Matters to You?** Lets talk about it Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m., in the Alliance Room. Give your friends/family/loved ones the gift of knowing what it is that you would want if you were unable to speak for yourself. The workshop is lively, thought-provoking and focused on living well vs dying.

The Conversation Project (TCP) gets people thinking and talking about what they would want, or not want, for end of life care, before a medical emergency. Arza Goldstein and Arlene Lowney will present this Starter Kit program developed by Ellen Goldman. TCP is for adults over the age of 18 years of age and not just for those with a serious or chronic illness. Refreshments served. Sponsored by 60+ Club. Contact Kate Mason [katelagrezemason@gmail.com](mailto:katelagrezemason@gmail.com).

**Memorial Service** for Betsey Williams will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

**We encourage interested persons** to attend the "Politics of Justice" forum at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington, 630 Mass. Ave., Saturday, March 25 from 12:45 to 5:00 p.m..

**New FUSN Criminal Justice Advocacy Team** will meet in the Alliance Room on Monday, March 27, 7:00-9:00 pm. For two years we have had 30 speakers and read and discussed two books. Now it is time to put our knowledge to work! We will review the legislative process by which changes can be made in our regressive criminal justice system. Numerous bills have been filed since January. We will consider them by category: ending the criminalization of poverty, ending the criminalization of youth, diversion strategies, ending human rights abuses in prisons, and reforming parole. Our goal as advocates will be to divide up the effort and delegate the study within our team. We will learn ways to communicate with legislators and through letters to the editor. We will collaborate with other UU's through UUMassAction and EMIT (Ending Mass Incarceration Together). This is the year we hope will be successful. Positive support for reform from the Governor, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has already been committed. Over 70 allied organizations have formed. Let's identify FUSN as one of them! All are invited, including others in the broader community. For more information, contact Nancy Wrenn, chair, Criminal Justice Task Force, FUSN Social Action Council, [wrennnancy@gmail.com](mailto:wrennnancy@gmail.com).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

**Got White Privilege?** Do you identify as a white man? The Multicultural Ministry Steering Committee is delighted to announce a special event for FUSN men who identify as white to explore together our experiences of being white in a society that targets and marginalizes people of color. Sunday, **April 2**, 3:00 to 5:30 Alliance Room, FUSN. The workshop will be facilitated by Bill Holland, long-time member of FUSN and the MMI Steering Committee, and Ken Wagner, Co-President of Allies for Racial Equity and on the New England G.R.A.C.E. Team. See more workshop details at <http://tinyurl.com/zhxxvc9>. For planning purposes, we ask that you let us know in advance if you plan on attending Register by emailing your name and email address to Bill at [wm.holland@gmail.com](mailto:wm.holland@gmail.com). Put "WMA Registration" in the subject line. Childcare will be provided if requested. Requests must be received by March 15.

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## FUTURE LEADERS OF FUSN

Lay leaders are essential to our Unitarian Universalist congregations. FUSN is looking for members who would like to deepen their involvement within the community.

Stepping into a lay leadership role can

- strengthen one's personal connections,
- be a rewarding and spiritually-grounding experience,
- and, of course, help get important work done.

Give some thought as to whether you would like to serve, or whether there is someone who you would like to recommend for a post. We are particularly looking for nominations for positions that will be vacant: Board of Trustees (2), Operations Council (2), Board of Investments (1) and Treasurer (1).

Anyone of the Nominating Committee members would be glad to talk with you. We look forward to your input!

The Nominating Committee members are:  
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## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

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**Join us** for our next Community Breakfast, the best way to start your Sunday, on **April 9** at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The extensive menu includes scrambled eggs, scrambled eggs with vegetables, pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, gluten-free corn bread, home fried potatoes, white and whole wheat biscuits, vegetarian sausage gravy, fruit, yogurt, jams and jellies, juices, coffee and tea, and the occasional special treat. It's only \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Newcomers eat free. We have high chairs, too. Upcoming breakfasts: May 7

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## EVENING SONG

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**Join Vermilion** for the Evening Song service on Sunday, **April 2** at 7:00 p.m. Evening Song at FUSN is a half-hour candlelight service of music, poetry, and meditation planned around FUSN's monthly themes. Let the sanctuary welcome you into meditative music, poetry, and silence - even at the end of a full weekend at FUSN - for a bit of quiet music, reflection, and silence to ease into the week ahead, and into our always too busy lives.

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## LAY MINISTERS

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The FUSN lay ministers are available to help members and friends who are experiencing difficulties and could use a listening ear, help with meals in case of illness, rides to the doctor, and the like. If you would like to reach a lay minister, here is the list below. If you would like to be one of those who make up our Care Crew — the cadre of people the lay ministers call on to help — just e-mail for more information or to sign up to be in the Care Crew database.

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