



FOLLEN NEWSLETTER



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Janet Parsons, Editor

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY Harboring Love: Forgiveness through Story

Led by Elisa Pearmain and
the Reverend Cricket Potter

Elisa Pearmain is an award-winning author and professional storyteller. She will guide us in reflecting upon the process, elements and benefits of forgiveness; for self, relationships and community, through folktales, personal story and commentary.

Religious Education classes will meet. Children will begin in the worship service this morning and then depart for their classes.
Nursery care will be provided

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012

10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY Annual Youth-led Service

The Follen Senior High School Youth Group (FUUY) will lead the service this morning. The youth will share their unique blend of energetic, thoughtful, humorous and always up-lifting offerings in this morning's service. Please plan to join us for this joy-filled worship.

All children and youth are invited join in the worship service this morning

Religious Education classes will not meet
Extended childcare for children in grades 3 and below is offered downstairs in the Follen Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY

10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY Radical Hope

Led by the Reverend Fred Small with Reverend Cricket Potter

"Any contemplation of global climate change, its frightening consequences, and the reluctance of governments to address it is necessarily a meditation on hope. Where do we find hope

when the earth and its peoples are in such distress?"

A former folksinger and environmental lawyer, Rev. Fred Small is Senior Minister of First Parish in Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist.

Religious Education classes will meet
Nursery care will be provided

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012 PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, COMMUNITY CENTER

10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY MUSIC SUNDAY

De Profundis

Led by the Reverends Tricia Brennan and Cricket Potter

The great Psalm 130 – "Out of the depths I cry to thee" – has been the inspiration for many masterpieces of music. On this Palm Sunday music service, the Follen Choir and its four wonderful soloists – Epp Sonin, Caitlin Felsman, Scott Hilde and Benjamin Sears – will sing five settings of this psalm.

Religious Education classes will meet
Nursery care will be provided

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012

7:30 PM: TENEBRAE SERVICE, SANCTUARY

This service is designed to move you and stimulate thinking about our response to cruelty and the disappearance of goodness. It is appropriate for all aged 14 and up.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012 EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY

Shared Hospitality Hour between the two worship services at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center

11:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY

In the Interim

Reverend Tricia Brennan
Reverend Cricket Potter

Tricia and I both admire how this community has embraced the spirit of this transition time. Folks have shown up enthusiastically at different meetings and forums related to our interim work and the upcoming search process. The leadership has faced openly into the varying questions and ideas Tricia and I have raised as we have worked with them on the many issues that arise over a church year. And, we feel a genuine willingness from you to consider important questions going forward like: "Who are we now as a community and what are our strengths, challenges, and needs?" "How are we in the way we welcome new people and ideas or work together to make decisions and live out the mission and values we are called to uphold?"

As we have said repeatedly, this is not easy work, and it can certainly bring out whatever anxiety or fears we have about change. After all, we can feel such a sense of losing control or losing what we love and value when change is afoot. Going forward well as a community during a time of transition involves our best effort. It's about honing those tools of communication and relationship, putting extra effort into listening attentively to understand rather than persuade, and taking a deep breath now and then to ponder how we can each respond to a person or situation in the most loving way. The buzz word that we ministers use for all this is "right relationship." I think of it as simply trying to be our best selves.

A colleague, Rev. David A. Miller, recently took the time to consider what questions we could ask of ourselves as we face into situations and seek to be our best selves through it all. I found his questions very useful, and so I want to share them with you.

1. Am I assuming the good intentions of the other?

2. Am I communicating directly with the person with whom I am having an issue?
3. Am I resolving issues or am I spreading them through gossip, anger and/or frustration?
4. Am I reflecting on what personal wounds, issues, and tendencies of mine that are contributing to the issue?
5. Am I willing to be an active participant and to work in good faith to clear up issues?
6. Am I projecting on to someone else through my own framework what they are thinking or doing vs. engaging them and asking them to share their thoughts and story?
7. Am I actually trying to live the principles and values of Unitarian Universalism by acting with compassion, respect and a high value of our interdependence?
8. Am I actively listening to what others are saying and not formulating a response or the next comment or question while they are talking?
9. Can I let go of my need to control the situation?
10. Can I graciously leave space for others by letting someone else speak first or by not speaking my mind if the point has been raised or made already?
11. Can I have disagreements with an individual or group, do so in love and respect, and continue to stay in community?
12. Can I take into account the importance of the task in relation to the importance of the relationship?
13. Am I willing not to have to be right?
14. Am I willing to be changed?
15. And finally, can I remember to ask the question, "What is the most loving thing I can do or say right now?"

Let me know if you have your own questions to add to this list. And, if any of this stirs up ideas or struggles of your own, please know that Tricia and I are both here to listen to you and support you. We would love to hear from you whatever your need or interest.

Cricket

Creating a Ministerial Search Committee

Greetings, fellow Follenites!

As you know, Follen is preparing to search for a new settled minister. According to our by-laws, Program Council is responsible for establishing a Ministerial Search Committee. In consultation with Laura Graham (our UUA ministerial settlement representative) Program Council has decided to use a method which solicits nominations for the search committee from everyone in the congregation. This process has been observed to produce a Ministerial Search Committee that is trusted and respected by the congregation.

Please watch for a mailing to arrive in mid-March. It will contain details about the selection method, and describe qualities of the ideal search committee member, as well as the responsibilities involved in serving. This mailing will also include a request for nominations.

We are a sub-committee of Program Council charged with facilitating this process. (The task of carrying out the search itself belongs to the Ministerial Search Committee, after it is established. We are charged simply with communicating and coordinating the process of selecting the search committee.)

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns. You can find all of us in the Follen directory. We will be happy to talk with you!

*In faith,
Rachel Hyde, Laura Maltby, Caroline Walters*

Update from the Stewardship Committee

Dear Follen Community,
I am writing to share with you some final summary facts and reflections regarding the stewardship drive that is just now concluding.

First, the "facts": We received \$355,530 in pledged support in the initial campaign (an approximate 5% increase over last year), which represented the first increase in total pledges in several years. Increased pledging

by our community is an essential component of ensuring that Follen stays on track to support its vital ministry, so this increase was an excellent step forward. And in response to our discussion about the budget shortfall we were certain to face without additional increases in pledging beyond the initial funds raised, our community responded dramatically and quickly to meet this challenge. On short notice, the congregation gathered in a well attended meeting after a Sunday service in early February to hear more about the issue, to seek to understand, and ultimately to voice support for the need to go back to our community for a second ask. In just a few weeks time after that meeting, an additional \$24,720 in pledges were made, ensuring that next year we will remain in a position of financial strength and avoid painful cuts to our valued staff and programs. As of March 1, our community has collectively pledged a total of \$380,250 for next fiscal year, which represents a very significant increase of \$41,801 (or 12%), over last year's pledge total of \$338,499!

The actions and numbers above tell a story of a congregation deeply committed to ensuring our ministry is supported and will continue from a position of strength. The stewardship drive is also a story of broadening support. During this drive, we were so very pleased to receive pledges from 20 individuals/families who are new to pledging at Follen, adding their commitment to those who regularly pledge financial support to Follen, and bringing us to a total of 227 pledges made this year! For perspective, just over 190 pledges were made five years ago. Indeed, these pledging numbers mirror the growth in our congregation evident to all of us in different ways; the obvious and delightful growth of our youth and junior choirs, higher enrollment in RE, the increase in numbers of people attending services, Covenant Group vitality, etc. All of this speaks to the fact that more and more people are finding Follen to be their spiritual home.

With much gratitude for the hard work of the Stewardship Committee, the dedication of our visiting stewards, the guidance of our ministers, and of course, the wonderful commitment (financial and otherwise) of the entire Follen community,

Brian Cali, Stewardship co-chair

RE-flections

by Debra Zagaeski



Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle and the life of the candle will not be shortened.

Happiness never decreases by being shared.

-The Buddha

The religious education program at Follen is a cooperative venture. Its success depends upon the participation of all. It is through the mindful engagement of many participants that caring communities are nurtured in each classroom. These are the experiences and the bonds that the children and youth of the Follen community will carry with them always. Teaching is a spiritual practice; it will engage and stretch you in ways that you may not imagine. Please consider how you might share your gifts through the lifespan education programs and volunteer!

Lifespan Religious Education

Sunday Morning Classes for Children and Youth - how do we do it?

The members of the REAT (Religious Education Action Team) will explore this question during the next few meetings of this year. What are our hopes, dreams, and continuing vision for the RE programs? Together we will work to imagine the ways that we might update, and transform elements of the classes and programs that are offered in the coming years. It is exciting and vital work.

We invite all members of the Follen community to join in these discussions and planning over the next few months. The REAT meets on Thursday evenings; check the Follen calendar for upcoming dates.

Coming of Age – how do we do it?

This is one of the most meaningful and unique programs that we offer to the youth of the Follen community. This program encourages and supports the participants as they look inward and share out loud that which gives meaning and value to their lives. Volunteer mentors work side by side with the youth as together they explore various spiritual

practices, ideas on belief, life questions, hopes, dreams, fears and laughter. The culmination of this class is a service of worship in which the youth share their statements of faith.

We invite all of the adults at Follen to consider sharing their time and energy by serving as a mentor in this program. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor please speak with Debra or a member of the REAT. Please plan to join us in celebration at this year's Coming of Age worship service on May 13th.

Our Whole Lives – how do we do it?

This program, grounded in our Unitarian Universalist principles and practices, not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Trained adult volunteers from the church facilitate the OWL class. We cannot offer this program without the time and energy of the volunteer teachers that step up to lead each year. OWL teachers must participate in a 2-day training program. We will continue our collaboration with First Parish in 2012-2013.

We need OWL facilitators for the coming year. Please consider serving the Follen community by training as an OWL facilitator. Speak with Debra if you are interested.

This is how we do it – TOGETHER!

*Namaste,
Debra*

VOLUNTEER SERVICE NETWORK

The VSN was started more than 25 years ago at Follen to help provide a supportive network within the congregation, by providing assistance for unforeseen circumstances, such as meals, rides, etc. If you need help during **March**, call Arlene Langseth through the church office.

Music Notes



Music Sunday Sunday, April 1, 2012

DE PROFUNDIS

The great Psalm 130 - "Out of the depths I cry to thee" - has been the inspiration for many masterpieces of music. On this Palm Sunday music service, the Follen Choir and its four wonderful soloists - Epp Sonin, Caitlin Felsman, Scott Hilse and Benjamin Sears - will sing five settings of this psalm: a 16th century vision by the Italian master Orlando di Lasso; a contrapuntal Baroque chorus in German by J. S. Bach; C. W. Gluck's more dramatic Classical version; and the first performances of new works by Scott Hilse and our Director of Music Thomas Stumpf (the latter composition uses the Hebrew original as well as an adaptation of words from Oscar Wilde's "De Profundis," a letter he wrote from Reading Gaol).

The singers will be accompanied by a small group of instrumentalists and conducted by Thomas Stumpf. The service will be rounded out by readings of Psalm 130 in traditional and modern versions as well as poems related to the psalm.

Soup Supper for March

The monthly Thursday Soup Supper will be on March 15th at the home of Stan Griffith and Ann Schaufler, 43 Baskin Road, Lexington, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please just show up, with optional children, in a very relaxed and convivial atmosphere. There will be both vegetarian and non-veg soups, and mac & cheese for the kids. You are welcomed to bring other soups, bread/rolls, a beverage, salad, or dessert; please call Ann to coordinate.



Directions: Baskin Road is off Worthen Road opposite the High School entrance. Plenty of street parking available.

SENIOR CHOIR NOTES

Rehearsals:

Sunday March 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday March 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday March 18th - no rehearsal, as we will not be singing at that service

Tuesday March 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday March 25th - no rehearsal, as we will not be singing at that service

Tuesday March 27th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 31st at 10:00 a.m. - special rehearsal for music service Sunday April 1st at 9:00 a.m. - run-through of music service

Please be punctual - and please try to attend all rehearsals!! The Music Service on Palm Sunday (April 1st) is fast approaching...

Youth and Junior Choir Notes

Rehearsals:

Youth Choir every Monday 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Junior Choir every Monday 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Anne Smith Room

We will follow the Lexington Public Schools calendar throughout the year, so there will be no rehearsals when school is out (this applies to snow days as well as holidays)!

The next service at which both choirs will sing: **April 8th**, Easter Sunday: The Junior Choir will sing at the 9:30 service and the Youth Choir at the 11:30 service), and then:

May 6th at 10:30 a.m.

Vespers Services at Follen

All are welcome to simple vespers services in a contemplative tradition:

**Wednesdays, March 21, 28 and
April 4, 7:00- 7:45**

Led by Rev. Tricia Brennan with musical accompaniment by Thomas Stumpf

From the Membership Coordinator *Harriet Peterson*



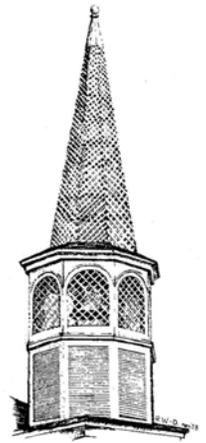
The term “radical hospitality” has been bantered about in church circles a lot in the past several years. (Google “radical hospitality unitarian” if you want a flavor of what UU’s have to say about it.) As far as I’ve been able to determine, this discussion started with the publication of the book, *Radical Hospitality: Benedict’s Way of Love* by [Lonni Collins Pratt](#) and [Daniel Homan](#). This short book describes hospitality as practiced in Benedictine monasteries, where the rule is that all guests are to be welcomed as Christ. What would Follen be like if we welcomed all guests as Christ ... or as Gandhi ... or as Michael Servetus ... or as Ralph Waldo Emerson? It is a rare Sunday that there is not at least one person in our sanctuary for the very first time. Most of these people are searching for a spiritual home. They are among the “spiritually hungry” and “religiously homeless” that UUA President, Peter Morales, entreats us to feed and shelter.

At the heart of Benedictine hospitality is the discipline of listening. And through listening, we not only welcome the stranger, we grow our own spirits. As Don Weikert put it during the recent Belonging workshop at Follen, when we get to know someone intimately, we get to know ourselves better; we are changed. And that requires listening. Just listening. Letting go of our need to respond with our thoughts and ideas, to give advice, to provide information, even when we believe this would be interesting or helpful to them. Then the next step is to invite the stranger to become a part of our life, not because of our need to enhance our egos by demonstrating what we can give him or her, but because our lives and the life of the Follen community will be enriched. And we give the stranger the gift of opening the space for him or her to be his or her true self.

So the next time you see someone you don’t know at coffee hour, imagine that person as Gandhi and imagine how your life could be enriched by listening ... just listening. Then imagine him accepting your invitation to become a member of the Follen community! Imagine the possibilities!

Harriet

Notes from the President



Program Council Takes Care of Business

At the regular meetings of Program Council, some topics that arise are predictable. For example, every year at this time, we consider how the pledge drive is going and make adjustments to the budget. Similarly, we take time to look at progress toward our goals for the year and, next month, we begin to formulate goals for next year. The need for meetings becomes very clear when there are events out of the ordinary. For the past few months, several issues have arisen that have been discussed at the Council meetings due to unusual circumstances.

Perhaps the most important recent tasks for Program Council have been to create a process for selecting a Ministerial Search Committee. Searching for a new settled minister is indeed a rare event, so we are taking care to ensure that the Search Committee represents Follen well and is comprised of members that work well together. We decided to use a method recommended by the UUA that has been used effectively at other UU churches. Laura Graham, our Ministerial Settlement Representative, explained the process to us in January. At our February meeting, we set up a subcommittee to provide a detailed plan appropriate for Follen. Laura Maltby, Rachel Hyde, and Caroline Walters are the subcommittee members and will be communicating directly with everyone in Follen. We anticipate that the Search Committee will be ready to work by June.

The budget discussion was a lively one this year, as the initial budget showed a shortfall of over \$50,000, based on an estimate that the pledge drive would generate about the same income as last year. While the initial result was better than expected -- 5% over last year -- we decided to hold a special meeting of the congregation to ask for a supplemental pledge due to increased personnel expenses. With

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the excellent response and some additional refinement of the expense side, we now expect to present a balanced budget that continues our support for the staff, programs, and building at the Annual Meeting in May.

There were many other items that have come before Program Council. For example, the Worship and Music and Social Justice Action Teams presented views on how Joys, Sorrows, and Concerns would be handled during worship services. The two teams worked together to reinstate the opportunity to voice concerns. We heard a proposal from the Membership Committee (part of the Community and Hospitality Action Team) about how to help our members find suitable activities that deepen their searches for meaning and personal growth. On a related note, Caring Congregation (part of the Pastoral Care Action Team) began providing childcare on Sunday mornings before church to enable more members to participate in Follen activities such as committee meetings and choir practices. The Buildings and Grounds Action Team have provided a plan for several years of maintenance and repairs, including a renovation of the bathrooms by the community center. Not the least of our actions was a vote to renew the contracts for the interim ministers; the details of the contract renewal will be handled by the Financial and Human Resources Action Team.

Program Council meetings are generally open to all Follen members and are held on the first Monday of each month (see the on-line calendar). If you have any questions or are interested in any of these or other such topics, feel free to contact the Program Council President by e-mail or phone.

Herman Marshall, for the Program Council

Cat Adoption at Follen Community Church: Saturday, March 17

The Animal Umbrella is sponsoring a big Cat Adoption, Saturday, March 17, from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. in the Follen Community Center. There will be many beautiful, tame kittens of various ages. Questions? Call Jan Kalb.

Parish Board Meets March 12

The next meeting of Parish Board is Monday, Mar. 12 at 7:30 in the Marshman Center. The preliminary agenda topics are: 1. development of a Leadership Covenant for Parish Board, 2. discussion of a proposal to fly a rotation of flags (American, Rainbow, and UN) on the grounds at Follen, 3. discussion of proposed guidelines for petitions at coffee hour, 4. decisions about Follen archival material, and 5. decisions about an HR proposal concerning staff health insurance options.

Parish Board meetings are listed in the newsletter and order of service, and on the Follen online calendar. They are open to all Follen members. For more information about the meeting, Melissa Howe, Chair of Parish Board, can be reached by email or phone.



New Member Class Saturday, March 24th 9:15-11:30am Marshman Center, 1st Floor

This is an exciting time for Follen as the congregation moves forward with its interim work and looks toward going into search and then calling a new settled minister next year. What an important time to consider becoming a member so that you can be an active part of all that lies ahead.

If you have been coming to Follen for a while and feel that this is your spiritual home and that you want to join as a member, please come to this informal class led by Rev. Tricia Brennan. You will learn more about what it means to become a member of this community and join in its vibrant ministry. Childcare is available for those who request it in advance.

Please RSVP to Membership Coordinator, Harriet Peterson, at 781-789-2032 or at membership@follen.org by Wednesday, March 21st, to let us know if you will be attending and if you will need childcare.

Please Remember to List Committee Meetings!

Your interim ministers remind you of the importance of listing all committee meetings in the congregational calendar, even those off-site. Doing so ensures that anyone who wants to join in the work of your action team/task force can do so- and just as importantly it raises the visibility of all that is happening in this busy and vital congregation. Requests to post meeting time and place can be sent to Sarah Garner at sarah.garner@follen.org.

2011 Contribution Statements Available Upon Request

Please get in touch with me if you would like to receive a statement of your contributions to Follen during 2011 for use in preparing your income tax return for 2011. I will be happy to send you a statement by either email or U.S. mail, as you prefer. Contact me by email or phone: sarah.garner@follen.org or 781-862-3805 ext. 205. Sarah Garner, Church Administrator

Important Religious Education Dates: March and April

March 11 – No Family Worship

All Children and Youth begin the morning in Worship with their families
Guest Minister Elisa Pearmain will share a time for all ages
Children and Youth will be “sung out” to their classes

March 18 – No Family Worship

Annual Youth (FUUY) led Worship Service
All Children and Youth are welcome in Worship with their families
Extended Child care (in the room next to the nursery downstairs) will be available for children that may need to depart early from the service.
Regular RE classes will NOT meet

March 25 – Family Worship – 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Religious Education classes will meet

April 1 – Family Worship 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center

Religious Education classes will meet

April 8 – Easter Sunday- 9:30 & 11:30 am Nursery Care at 9:30 am service only

ANYTHING GOES!

Save the date for the
FOLLEN GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION
on **MAY 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



Save the date! The Follen Auction is happening on Saturday evening, May 5th from 6pm-8pm. We need volunteers to help with soliciting donations and developing the brochure, and people to donate whatever good or service they would like. We will have food, good company and entertainment that evening. Volunteer and donation forms are available in the church office, or you can email Amy Horsburgh directly to volunteer or to make a donation.

NOLA Notes

From April 14-21, a Follen group of 35 youth and adults will be returning to New Orleans to continue with work to rebuild the homes destroyed by the effects of the flood following Hurricane Katrina nearly 7 years ago. We look forward to contributing our time and muscle to help another family restore their home. We look forward to the opportunity to work with each other; getting to know each other better as we share this extraordinary experience. We are grateful for the generosity of the congregation on the March 4th Share the Plate Sunday, and thankful for the continued support of our soup sales after church. All these donations make it possible for us to go do this important work and purchase materials for the work we do. On April 29th, there will be a service at Follen dedicated to the volunteer ministry we do in NOLA. We hope you'll come to hear more details about our time in New Orleans and the life-changing experiences that happen on these trips.





QUESTION FOR THE KIVA GOAT:

Do You Ever Loan to Americans?

Kiva Goat answers: Thank you for your interesting question. (What a polite goat – *ed.*) As most of you know, Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend to unique entrepreneurs around the globe. Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty.

Many individuals from Follen Church donated \$25 each in order for the Kiva Committee to loan to low-income entrepreneurs across the globe. Kiva aggregates the loan funds from all contributing lenders. We now have to choose who to lend to - whether a baker in Afghanistan, a goat herder in Uganda, a farmer in Peru, a restaurateur in Cambodia, or a tailor in Iraq - and as they repay their loan, Follen Church gets our money back. Then we can lend again or can withdraw the funds. It's a powerful and sustainable way to empower someone right now to lift themselves out of poverty.

OK, so you want to know if we loan to Americans? The answer to that question is yes, we do!! Kiva realizes that access to credit is a challenge for entrepreneurs everywhere. In June 2009, Kiva began experimenting with allowing entrepreneurs in the United States to raise money on its website. While the majority of the Follen Kiva loans are spread throughout the world, we also loan to Americans.

Let us tell you about one of Follen's newest loans to an American. Pablo lives in Miami, Florida. He has over twenty years of residential and commercial cleaning experience, with a specialty in pressurized washing services. Longing to be his own boss and not rely on others for financial security, Pablo set out to create his own cleaning business. "I like being independent and providing for me and my family," said Pablo.

While Pablo knew that there was a demand for pressurized washing, it was no simple task opening a business – especially during an economic downturn. Pablo was able to apply his expertise and professional connections to tap into the Miami cleaning market – provided cleaning services for homes, pools, fences, sidewalks, patios, garages and roads.

We chose to loan to Pablo. "Nourished by our community, we grow spiritually and embrace the world."

The Kiva Committee

Moral Values and the Liberal-Conservative Spectrum

A screening and dialogue
Monday, March 26, 2012, 7:30 pm
The Marshman Center

This program will begin with a screening of a 20-minute "TED talk" in which psychologist Jonathan Haidt tries to tease apart some core moral values and view "liberals" and "conservatives" through the lens of those values. Whether or not you agree with his theories, you'll probably find the talk to be a good stimulus to dialogue! If you want to view the talk ahead of time, go to: http://www.ted.com/talks/jonathan_haidt_on_the_moral_mind.html (No need to watch it ahead of time.) Questions: Contact Maggie Herzig.

Immigration as a Moral Issue Workshop

The Clara Barton and Mass Bay Districts of the UUA & UU Mass Action invite you to a workshop about immigration as a moral issue and what we can do to stand with immigrants both locally and nationally. Join other Unitarian Universalists to:

- watch the Frontline Documentary *Lost in Detention*
- hear local immigrant rights workers talk about immigrant needs and concerns right here in Massachusetts
- learn more about what will be happening at Justice G.A. in Phoenix
- strategize about how you and your congregation can get involved in immigrant justice.

A freewill offering will be collected at each event to support organizations working for immigrant rights. Check out the options below and choose a date that works for you! Click on this link for [\[MORE\]](#) information.

- March 17, 10am to 1pm: First Unitarian Church Worcester, 90 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608 ([Directions](#))
- March 25: Bernardston Unitarian Church, Church Street (Route 10), Bernardston, MA 01337 ([Directions](#)) - time TBD
- March 28, 7 to 9pm: First Parish Milton, 535 Canton Avenue. Milton MA 02186 ([Directions](#))
- March 31, 9am to 12pm: First Parish Cambridge, 3 Church Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 ([Directions](#))

Click on this link to: [Register now](#) for a date of your choice!

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Upcoming Follen Events:

Sun. March 11 8:30 am Special Needs Parents (M)
 8:45 am Parents of Adults w/ Sp. Needs (L)
 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)
 10:30 am Worship (S)
 12:00 pm Reflections (ASR)
 12:00 pm Coming of Age (M)
 12:00 pm Operetta Production (E/A)
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

Mon. March 12 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)
 7:30 pm Parish Board (M)

Tues. March 13 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

Wed. March 14 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)

Thurs. Mar. 15 12:15 pm Book Group (ASR)
 6:00 pm Yoga (CC)
 6:00 pm Soup Supper (off-site)

Fri. March 16 OCTAGON DINNERS
 6:00 pm FUUY Overnight (CC)

Sat. March 17 9:00 am SJAT Retreat (Offsite)
 OCTAGON DINNERS

Sun. March 18 8:30 am Special Needs Parents (M)
 8:30 am SJAT Mtg. (L)
 9:45 am Grade 6 OWL Parents (E/A)
 10:30 am Worship (S)
 12:00 pm Reflections (ASR)
 12:00 pm Coming of Age (M)
 12:00 pm Lay Ministry (E/A)
 5:30 pm Grad 6 MSYG (M)
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

Mon. March 19 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)
 7:30 pm Membership Cte. (ASR)

Tues. March 20 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)
 7:30 pm Cov. Group Writers (ASR)

Wed. March 21 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)
 7:00 pm Vespers Service (S)
 7:30 pm Bldgs. & Grounds (M)

Thurs. Mar. 22 6:00 pm Yoga (CC)
 7:30 pm REAT (ASR)

Fri. March 23 OCTAGON DINNERS

Sat. March 24 9:15 am New Member Class (M)
 OCTAGON DINNERS

Sun. March 25 8:30 am Special Needs Parents (M)
 10:00 am Family Worship (S)
 10:30 am Worship (S)
 12:00 pm Reflections (ASR)
 12:00 pm Coming of Age Class (E/A)
 12:15 pm In & Around Follen (M)
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

Mon. March 26 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)
 7:30 pm Financial & HR (ASR)
 7:30 pm Worldviews Conversation (M)

Tues. March 27 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

Wed. Feb. 29 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)
 7:00 pm Coordinating Team (ASR)
 7:00 pm Vespers Service (S)

Sat. March 31 10:00 am Senior Choir (S)

Sun. April 1 8:30 am Special Needs Parents (M)
 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)
 10:00 am Family Worship (CC)
 10:30 am Worship (S)
 11:45 am Social Events (E/A)
 12:00 pm Reflections (ASR)
 12:00 pm Coming of Age (M)
 5:00 pm NOLA Movie/Discussion (CC)
 5:30 pm MSYG (Gr. 6) (M)
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)