



THE UNITARIAN CHURCH

IN FALL RIVER.

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We are a welcoming congregation, dedicated to
the providing a venue of inclusion for all.



October 2017

**On Sunday, October 8th, our service starts at 10:30 AM
with Rev Kevin Carson returning to the pulpit.**

**Our sermon this week is
“1492 – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”.**

In a growing number of American cities and states,
the Columbus Day holiday is being replaced with
Indigenous Peoples’ Day, but does this really address
the issues? The simple fact is that most Americans
are descendants of European emigrants..
What are we to do with this legacy?

UPCOMING GUEST LEADERS:

October 8 & 29 Kevin Carson, M.Div. graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in May 2013. He lives in Johnston, Rhode Island with his wife and teenage daughter. Originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, Kevin and his family moved to New England eleven years ago when he accepted a position as an IT Manager at Hasbro, which he continues to hold while preparing for ministry. He was raised Methodist but has been a UU for over 29 years, and he has been a member of congregations in Tennessee, Texas, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

October 15 “Both Sides of the Fence” - What does it mean to belong? Many of us struggle at times in our lives to be seen, honored and loved for who we are, especially those who identify as transgender, or outside the binary. On Sunday, October 15th, we explore what it means to find a place where one can live in community, with authenticity and integrity. **Rev. Paul Langston-Daley - Ordained in 1997, Rev. Paul Langston-Daley is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School and the International Institute for Restorative Practices. He is passionate about social justice and human rights, and he has been involved in LGBT rights, reproductive rights, immigration issues, restorative justice projects, and Black Lives Matter. As UUSC's senior program leader for justice building, Rev. Langston-Daley grows the capacity of UU congregations to pursue sustained, systemic social change work.**

**“Autumn is a second spring when every
leaf is a flower.” - Albert Camus**

**“Listen! The wind is rising, and the air
is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!” - Humbert
Wolfe**

Church Events

Sine Nomine meets in Church every Monday evening.

*Sine Nomine is an auditioned chamber choir based in Fall River, MA. Now entering its 20th season, this community ensemble currently consists of eighteen voices, and performs music from the Middle Ages through the 21st-century, with a special emphasis on a cappella repertoire. Sine Nomine has collaborated with the Boston Camerata, Newport Baroque, Providence College, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, and was featured at the 2005 Organ Historical Society National Convention. The group draws its members from across southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Lower Highlands Historic Downtown Neighborhood Association meets monthly on the first Wednesday in our function room at 6:30 pm. Their agenda includes: A police crime report, treasurer's report, and updates on neighborhood concerns. Newly defined boundaries are; the Taunton River on the west; bicentennial Park and President Avenue to the north; Highland Avenue, High Street, and Troy Street on the east; and Pleasant Street, Sullivan Drive, Pocasset Street, the lower part of Anawan Street, and along the side of the State Pier back to the Taunton River on the south. All who live, work, or in any way support improving this area are invited to attend with their concerns. For more information, contact co-chairmen James Bartley at bartleyw@juno.com or 508-679-8871 or Steven Camara at steve@stevencamara.com or 508-678-1463.

More Events:

Friday mornings - 9:30 to 11:00 - Course in Miracles - meets in community room (open to the general public)

Friday mornings - 11:00 to 12:00 - Dream Study - meets in community room (open to the general public)

These are happening each month:

On the second Sunday of each month the Standing Committee will meet at 12 noon. (open to members only)

A Meditation Group meets every 3rd Sunday in the Community Room at the Church from 3pm to 7pm. All are welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CoffeeHouse 309 will be having a performance by Crashland Acoustic on October 7th. Doors Open at 7 PM and the show starts at 7:30 PM. Donation at the door is \$10.00. We will have refreshments available. Watch our Website - www.unitarianchurchfr.org or our Face Book page for further updates.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We are still looking for volunteers to help clean out the over and under growth in the Play yard and the other area in the back. If you care about the look of our house, perhaps you can come down and help us take care of the grounds. This is a request that can be accomplished without checking in with anyone. You can do it anytime you want and just bring your own yard tools. Yard waste bags can be picked up just about anywhere and they are really inexpensive. How about it? Make yourself feel good and others too!!



Parish Notes

We are in the middle of the 185th year of the existence of the Unitarian Church in Fall River. We started in 1832, with the professed purpose of forming a society of religious fellowship for the worship of almighty God. Over the years, we have experienced many things. Growth - increase in membership – stagnation – decrease in membership – the underground railroad (our building was a stop) – a major move from Borden Place to North Main Street in 1858 – fast forward to 1985 – a devastating fire that completely destroyed that building – the rebuilding of a new and modern facility.

Do you like our service on Sunday mornings? How about suggestions for something different? We are a group of people who will always agree to disagree. Let me ask you something. How will you know if you like or dislike something not experienced? We need you on Sundays. By the time you read this our summer vacation will be past and September will be gone. Will you come back? Will you help the church to come back? We are in desperate need of your support. Both our spiritual and fiscal bills are due and in some cases overdue. Help.

First Sundays:

On the first Sunday of each month we bring a little extra to munch on together after the service. It's sort of a potluck brunch. It gives us a little extra time to be together in our busy schedules. We'd love to have you with us, too!! Please come!! (even if you didn't bring something to share!) And bring a friend, too!! (You do have friends, don't you?)

"GATHERING LEAVES"

**Spades take up leaves
No better than spoons,
And bags full of leaves
Are light as balloons.
I make a great noise
Of rustling all day
Like rabbit and deer
Running away.
But the mountains I raise
Elude my embrace,
Flowing over my arms
And into my face.
I may load and unload
Again and again
Till I fill the whole shed,
And what have I then?
Next to nothing for weight,
And since they grew duller
From contact with earth,
Next to nothing for color.
Next to nothing for use.
But a crop is a crop,
And who's to say where
The harvest shall stop?"**

— Robert Frost

**Watch your thoughts, for they become words.
Watch your words, for they become actions.
Watch your actions, for they become habits.
Watch your habits, for they become character.
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.**

--- Author Unknown

Special thank you to David Hathaway for repairing a number of our sanctuary chairs. Also to the unsung workers who take care of the cleaning, lawn and all of the other things that need to be done around our Church.



Autumn Thoughts

This time of year, with the glorious canvas of colors, is a perfect time to spend more time outdoors. In this modern age, we spend so much time indoors, we can lose our connection to the earth we live on. Spending time in nature allows us to commune with other living beings and to find comfort in the nurturing embrace of Mother Earth. You can't help but experience a different sense of self while hiking in the woods or strolling along beside the water. Being in nature connects us to the earth, grounding us as we walk. Surrounded by other living beings, both bigger and smaller than we are, we remember that human beings are simply one form of life in this vast universe. Spending time connecting with nature nourishes the soul, reminds you that you are never truly alone, and renews you by attuning you to the earth's natural rhythms. Taking a walk under the stars or feeling the wind on your face may be all it takes for you to reconnect with nature. Remember, you are as much a part of nature as are the leaves on a tree or water bubbling in a brook.

Here's a handy list of pick-your-own-apple farms:

Dartmouth Orchards
515 Old Westport Rd
Dartmouth
[508 992 9337](tel:5089929337)
Dartmouthorchards.com

Old Stone Orchard
33 Colebrook Rd
Little Compton, RI
[401-635-2663](tel:4016352663)
A chemical free farm.

C N Smith Farm
325 South Street
E. Bridgewater, MA
[508-378-2270](tel:5083782270)
CNSmithfarminc.com

Interesting in taking a hike this fall? The Copicut Woods is local, accessible and beautiful!

About Copicut Woods

A gateway to the 13,600-acre Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve, Copicut Woods boasts upland forests, wetlands and waterways, and remnants of a vibrant agricultural past.

What makes Copicut Woods a special place?

This 516-acre property is both a prime destination and the southern gateway to the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve. Copicut introduces nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts to an entire regional ecosystem. Experience forests, streams, and cedar swamps, amid an array of flora and fauna, from deer and coyote darting among stands of hardwoods and conifers, to hawks, owls, and salamanders.

As you walk the three miles of trails at Copicut, you'll wind through a variety of natural communities and pass vernal pools, Miller Brook, and an abandoned farm settlement. You'll be delighted by the nearly mile-long Miller Lane, a 150-year-old scenic cart path lined on either side by stone walls under a canopy of trees. Pack a lunch and enjoy a secluded picnic in a traditional timber frame "Ed Shed" before exploring further reaches of Copicut along the new Meadowhawk and Soggy Bottom Trails.

Mountain bikers will find plenty of options, too. And, when the snow flies, the relatively flat terrain and broad trails are ideal for cross-country skiing enthusiasts and snowshoers.

Copicut's 516 acres are an integral part of the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve, one of the largest unfragmented forests in eastern Massachusetts.

Trails

5.4 miles of trails (includes Miller Brook Conservation Area). Easy walking.

When to Visit

Year-round, daily, sunrise to sunset. Allow a minimum of 1 hour.

Facilities

A traditional timber frame educational shelter, the "Ed Shed," offers a secluded place to picnic.