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We don't usually have much insight into what a new object in our lives will really be like, and I can attest to this from having to obtain a new computer, because the old one (only ten or fifteen or so years old!) decided it didn't want to work any longer. So it retired ...unexpectedly!!

Now I have a new one, with some wonderful features, not all of which I even partly understand, and, with some ability to do what I am accustomed to doing, —but also choosing not to do everything in the way I've always done them before. But, we all know that all computers try to challenge us into figuring them out, into discovering all their best secrets, and to remember how to get them to do what we want them to do. So we'll see how it goes.

Of course, we're not supposed to see a computer as the core that directs our lives, only as a minor factor in our world, one which we use to communicate with others, to explore what we need to know, learn a little more about life, to save us from having to connect more directly sometimes, and so much more. But sometimes it seems to want to control our lives. We'll see!

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SERVICE THEMES:

February 1st "Moving Through
The Seasons ...*In New England?*"

February 8th "Coping With Change"

February 15th "Does Our Faith Guide
Our Actions?"

February 22nd "How Do We
Remember Past Heroes"

March 1st "Setting (Adjusting?) Goals
as we Pass Through Time"

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good
food and warmth, for the touch of a
friendly hand and for a talk beside the
fire: it is the time for home."
- Edith Sitwell

**"Believe in yourself
and all that your are"**

- - Christian D. Larson

February Fun Facts and Trivia

- The Supreme Court of the U.S. met for the first time on February 1, 1790.
- Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809.
- Super Bowl XLIX will be held February 1st at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.
- On February 14, 1859 Oregon became the 33rd state to join the Union.
- February is the most misspelled of all the months.
- The U. S. acquired the Florida territory from Spain on February 22, 1819.
- On February 8, 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was executed.
- Sir Frances Drake became the first known Englishman to sail the Pacific. He sailed on February 11, 1578.
- On February 10, 1962, Astronaut John Glen Jr. became the first American to orbit the earth.
- The violet is the February's flower. Although there are some that say the primrose is February's flower.
- The Boy Scouts of America incorporated in February in 1910.
- Amethyst is the birthstone for the month of February.
- Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth on February 6, 1952.
- The astrological signs for February are: Aquarius, January 20 - February 18 and Pisces, February 19 - March 20. Or if you are following the new astrological line-up: Capricorn, January 19 - February 15 and Aquarius February 16 - March 11.
- The U. S. Senate ratified the peace treaty ending the Spanish-American War, February 6, 1899.
- Groundhog Day, celebrated on February 2, came about because of a German superstition. They thought if a hibernating animal cast a shadow on February 2nd that winter would last for another six weeks. If there was no shadow, spring would come early.
- St. Valentine's Day on February 14th.
- Abraham Lincoln's birthday February 12th, 1809.
- George Washington's birthday February 22nd, 1732.

NEWSLETTER

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Supplies Needed for Homeless Overflow Shelter

The Unitarian Church is again hosting the overflow homeless shelter for the last two weeks of February. This is a partial list of what we'll need. We'll have a better understanding of need after the first week, and will follow up at that time. Please drop non-perishable items off any Sunday before then, between 9:30 and noon, perishable items on the 15th. Thank you!

Fresh fruit: bags of apples, bunches of bananas
7 gals milk
2 large containers of coffee
10 lbs sugar
350 hot cups (7 sleeves of 50 each)
350 Paper plates
350 paper bowls
3 large packages of Napkins

Cleaning supplies:

50 rolls of Toilet paper
14 rolls of Paper towels

Windex
Comet
Sponges
Lysol Disinfectant spray
Purell
Hand soap pumps and refills
Large trash bags – preferably the Fall River Official bags

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Society in Fall River will be held immediately following an abbreviated service on the 22nd of March along with a pot luck luncheon. Any business to be discussed and acted upon should be brought to the meeting. Only members are allowed to vote on the reports, slate of officers and the acceptance of new members, but all are welcome to attend the meeting.

All reports, from the various committee chair people, should be completed and handed in by the end of February for inclusion in the Annual Report.

National Wear Red Day

It occurs in America on the first Friday in February each year, where people wear red.

The Heart Truth—is a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Designed to warn women of their #1 health threat, *The Heart Truth* created and introduced the Red Dress as the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness in 2002 to deliver an urgent wakeup call to American women.