



BERNARDSTON UNITARIAN CHURCH

at the historic 1739 Meetinghouse
www.bernardstonunitarian.org

Thanks to Marian Kelner, local writer, musician, animal rights activist. Her presentation was a heartwarming testament to caring. Catch Marian's local community radio show Speciocarcy: Where All Beings Have a Voice on WMCB 107.9 FM.

June 10 2nd Sunday with Rev. Al Ciarcia. "The Perilous Free Fall"
Coffee starts at 11, service at 11:30. "The media has reported that a parachutist is going to make a free fall from 30-40,000 feet. In the story, the statement was made, 'This is a perilous stunt. How can we relate this idea of a perilous free fall to life?'"

In the afternoon: Consider joining a church group trip to Alice Parker's Shape-Note Sing and pot luck supper at the Hawley Meetinghouse. Details at www.singwithalice.com

June 17 Dan Tinen leads the service, "Potential" Part of spirituality is developing our potential. Being part of a spiritual community and attending church is one tool we can use to advance ourselves personally, and to push society forward as a whole. Are we living up to our potential? Is our religion helping us to do so? Is our religion living up to its potential? How does our theology impact our potential?

Rev. Steve Wilson our usual 3rd Sunday minister is attending UUA General Assembly in New Mexico and will return for two Sundays in July and two Sundays in August.

Thurs. June 21 Join the Interfaith Council! June meeting- 4:30 Lake Pleasant tour, 5:30 Picnic Pot luck, 6:00 Speakers and Business Meeting (Annette's last meeting as Pres.!). Come enjoy a tour of the historic Lake Pleasant spiritual community, The National Spiritual Alliance, Thompson Temple, 2 Montague Ave. Lake Pleasant and a cold food to share. The final meeting for the year of the IFC will feature Jon Cremins of ServiceNet and Amy Clarke, Exec. Dir. of Community Meals who will talk about how our IFC support was put to use this year to alleviate homelessness in our community. There will also be election of new officers for next year and program suggestions.

Sun. June 24 Brief Summer Recess! No service on June 24

Stay tuned and help plan some church fundraisers: a boat trip, a tag sale, a Fall Foliage Brunch and a float for the 250th parade.

SUMMER AT THE MEETINGHOUSE IN BERNARDSTON Coffee hour under the shade of the giant oaks and extra Sundays with Al & Steve! 4 morning gatherings at UU folks homes. We welcome all area UUs to join us during their summer recesses. We always enjoy the cross pollination of liberal ideas! We thank Toni Eaton for continuing her hospitality with 3 informal Summer Sunday gatherings and will add one hosted by Annette and Mark this summer.

July 1 - Coffee and Conversation at Toni Eaton's home in Gill. Call 413-648-9574 for directions.

July 8 2nd Sunday year round with Rev. Ciarcia. Topic TBA.

July 15 3rd Sunday year round with Rev. Steve Wilson - Dr. Seuss Massachusetts' own modern moral myth-maker: Yes Dr. Seuss! Massachusetts native child, author, and weird but moral modern myth maker is honored in this service, that explores the power of story. As the good doctor says, "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose." Don't be a dumb dumb, come!

July 22 Extra Sunday with Rev. Steve Wilson - The Wisdom of Insecurity In the early 50's Allan Watts brought to a United States caught-up in conventional thinking and with it the cold war a modern zen like alternative approach. In his work The Wisdom of Insecurity he proposes that wisdom is really often the inverse of what we think it is and should be. Today we explore the art of letting go and being.

July 29 Coffee and Conversation at Annette and Mark's 1744 home/garden. Call 648-9574 for directions.

August 5 Coffee and Conversation at Toni Eaton's. 413-648-9574

August 12 Rev. Al Ciarcia - topic TBA - check the web page

August 19 Rev. Steve Wilson The Puzzle of Ecclesiastes: The book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament is filled with wisdom the borders on skepticism, even cynicism. Come walk the pages Solomon is attributed to have written in his later years, as we wonder how this book made the editorial cut as God's word.

Saturday August 25 CALLING ALL ARTISTS!! 10am -2pm

The Meetinghouse Artists host a Free Plein Aire Painting workshop of historic and scenic spots in Bernardston. Bring your own materials and paint "a sense of place" for the Bernardston 250th Anniversary celebration and the DVAA Fall "A sense of place" Art Exhibition at our Meetinghouse. Box lunch available.

August 26 Rev. Steve Wilson - The Gospel According to Thom

Hartmann: Picking up on one of the Progressive Communities brightest lights values, I write a gospel of sorts from his perspective. What are the thou shalts and shalt nots, of modern progressives like Hartmann, what parables would be told. What are the sacred truths, values, and stories of the left.

Sept. 2 - Final summer gathering at Eaton's.

Sept. 8- Oct. 8. The "Our Stories: A Sense of Place" Exhibition

Story telling, meetinghouse tours, parade float, and artist reception Sept. 22. Co-sponsored by Pioneer Valley Institute, Deerfield Valley Art. Assoc. and the Bernardston Unitarians.

September 9th - a family workshop on the Monarch Butterfly with

Rachel Roberts. Co-sponsored by Pioneer Valley Institute and the Bernardston Cultural Council - Regular time 11:30 am. Free & open to all.

Every Wednesday: Meetinghouse Artists - Free Art Workshops at the Bernardston Meetinghouse all summer! 9:30-12 noon then pizza and salad at Antonio's. Enjoy the company and critique of other artists. All levels and media.

Peace Leadership Academy sponsored by The Traprock Peace Education Center at GCC June 27-29 www.traprock.info

Ferry Beach UU summer workshop schedule at: www.ferrybeach.org - that's where you will find details of some wonderful summer workshops for example "In the Company of Women" - August

Star Island check out starisland.org for more retreat and vacation opportunities.

Photo: NMH Student Volunteers on Service Day - Spring 2012

