

THE Channing Circle

Our Family is a Circle of Strength and Love.
 With every Birth and every Union, the Circle grows.
 Every Joy shared adds more Love.
 Every Crisis faced together makes the Circle Stronger.
 — Eavenson —

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February 2012

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Worship Services – February & March 2012



February 5 – Service led by Rev. Tim House

February 12 – Service led by Rev. Tim House

February 19 – Layled Service

February 26 – Layled Service

March 4 – Service led by Rev. Tim House

March 11 – Layled Service

March 18 – Service led by Rev. Tim House

March 25 – Layled Service by Cheryl Gardner

RE Classes and Events for Feb 2012:

submitted by Becky Paul, DRE

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Becky Doyle catherinesfairy@yahoo.com

Reminder to all RE Volunteers:

Please complete Request for CORI information form and return to Margaret Holmes.
Thank you to Margaret for your administrative assistance.

Session III **Love Surrounds Us/Love Connects Us**

Chalice Children led by Becky Doyle

Spirit Seekers led by Margaret Holmes

Jr. Youth – Mural Project led by Shawn Dufour



Schedule:

Feb 5- Begin in church with Rev. Tim House

Feb 12 – RE Music Sunday with Joe Herosy (all ages)

Sunday, Feb 19 – Intercession Break – No RE Classes

This session we will focus on the Thirty Days of Love Project and ways we can include social action into our curriculum.

Please check out the church website for details!

www.channingchurchrockland.com

Our Whole Lives Schedule:

Classes meet at the Cohasset Parish House

Sundays, January 29 and Feb 5, 12, 26 from 6 - 7:30pm



OWL Facilitators Contact Info:

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The Mural Project



There's been so much excitement over the progress we've made and many requests have come in from our 3 - 6 graders to help with the project. Therefore, two students a week from our Spirit Seekers class will be joining Shawn Dufour and our Jr. Youth group to work on the mural over the next two RE sessions. Below is the schedule we will follow. For those who can't make the Sunday morning schedule, we will also be offering the opportunity to paint one evening a month, so stay tuned for more on that.

Sunday Painting Schedule:

1/29 - Sydney and Sophie
2/26 - Nathan and Andrew

2/5 - Sophia and Julian
3/4 - Owen and Izzy

Special Belated Thanks to our RE Volunteers for Session II,

Danette Carter, Becky Doyle, and Joe Herosy. Our holiday pageant was a great success! The children performed beautifully and it was a pleasure to see the hall filled with so many Channing families and friends! The costumes were outstanding, thanks to Jenn Jordan and many of the parents and children. Our appreciation to Joe Herosy and our adult choir for their musical talent and energy. And our visit from Santa Claus was a treat for all!



The Mural Project ~ Join in the Fun!

Wednesday February 1 , 7 - 9pm



It's coming along!

The children and RE volunteers are hard at work on transforming this space into something beautiful and inspiring. In an effort to include more members in this project, each month we will host an evening to paint.

All ages and abilities are welcome!

* * Snow Cancellations * *

Prudential has worked out a procedure for canceling church due to heavy snow storms. So when the snow falls and you are unsure if there will still be a service or an event just call Channing Church. We will put the message that church has been cancelled on our answering service (we thought this would work better than one or two people trying to call everyone, & maybe miss notifying someone). Sunday service cancellations will be posted by 8:30am. If the answering service message does not say church has been cancelled we will still have church that Sunday. Cancellation notices will also be posted on our website and facebook page. The decision to cancel will be made by Prudential Co-Chairs, and will be made considering all factors involved such as; how bad the snow is, if anyone is available to shovel the church walks, if plows have cleared the streets and Ike's Way leaving room to park cars, if the minister or lay led person is still able to make it to the church, to be in the pulpit for the service, if there is a power failure, etc. If you are not sure if a church event has been cancelled please call Channing 781-878-0650 or visit www.channingchurchrockland.com to check.



Make plans to come to the 2012 General Assembly

The 2012 UUA General Assembly in Phoenix, June 20 – 24 will be a unique and historic event. For the first time a General Assembly will have one focus -- justice and human rights. With the workshops, presentations and public witness events this GA has the potential to move us to a higher level of involvement in our communities and the world, not just this year, but into the future.

General Assembly is being designed to be multigenerational, actively involving youth, young adults and families of all ages. There will be workshops and events addressing justice issues and immigration as well as many of the traditional features that make every GA memorable – the Service of the Living Tradition, the Ware Lecture, the GA Choir, the Exhibit Hall, prominent speakers and daily and Sunday worship services.

The Ballou Channing District 2012 Justice GA Task Force encourages all UUs in the BCD to start making plans to attend, follow the GA web pages at <http://www.uua.org/ga>, subscribe to the new BCD bi-weekly electronic *Justice GA Bulletin* for updates about GA and information about immigration justice by contacting the BCD office at BCDoffice@verizon.net, and keep your eyes open for additional information from the Task Force that will be coming in the next several weeks.

The Ballou Channing District Justice GA Task Force

*Rev. Catherine Cullen, Beth McGregor, Eva Marx, Bob Cox, John Glasheen,
Rachel Tedesco, Margaret Rice Moir, Rev. Jill Cowie, Rev. William Zelazny*

First Parish UU Church, Plymouth, MA is now welcoming interested parties for the position of Director of Religious Education. We are a small, dedicated congregation with 12 - 15 registered children currently in our programs.

The position is part time 20 hours per week including Sunday mornings. The Director will be primarily responsible for coordinating youth religious education activities, while assisting in the growth of adult religious education programs.

Interested individuals, send a letter of interest and resume by March 31, 2012, to the DRE Search Committee: Plymouth.DRE@gmail.com

Pedals, Pipes, Black & White

Organ Fundraiser Concert

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 • 3:00 PM

First Unitarian Universalist Society
25 South Main St (Rte 105) Middleborough

Natsumi Malloy on organ and piano

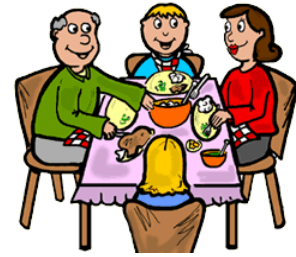
Music by Franz Liszt, Haley William, spirituals, improvisations
and original compositions

Suggested donations \$15 • Refreshments will be served

Phone 508-947-1935



DINNER – CIRCLE of 7-8-9-?



We here at Channing Church did this several years ago and it was a great hit!
It was held on a Saturday, time and details per group.

- People sign up to Host the Event
 - Usually there can be 7 to 9+ people who attend
- People sign up to Attend the Event
- We try and get half of the group attending who are fairly new to the church and the other half of the group as longer term members of the church.
- The benefit of the Dinner is that when we go to church, we see a person about 1 to 4 minutes to talk with someone at church. This gets us together for a more or less quiet time.. 😊, with UU's it is probably less...LOL
- Each person agrees to bring something for the Dinner. In this way it is not a burden on any one person and gives us a variety of new dishes to try.
- We thought we would try for some time in March, when things usually slow down a "LIL" ...very little ...
- If you would like to sign up, please see me, Phil or Donna for a sign up sheet. The sheet will consist of:
 - Host – how many will be attending
 - Guests
- At a future date, we announce where the Host is located, who will be attending that group.
 - It is up to the Host to organize who is bringing what, time and date.
- Agree if any or all want to play a certain game or games.
 - Children are welcome, but make sure you have kids friendly activities available 😊

Looking forward to all the sign-ups..... 😊 😊

PHIL & DONNA BERRY

Our new Membership / Friends Directory is ready!



People may receive it by e-mail or regular mail.

You can e-mail church how you would like it sent.

The directory is for members and friends, it will not be given out to anyone for mailings of any sort.

Please let us know ASAP.

Annual Chocolate Auction

Sunday, February 12, 2012

11:30am

We will be holding our Annual Chocolate Auction on Sun Feb 12th!

Plan on picking up some yummy treats for you valentines.

All chocolate lovers will get their fill of chocolate delights.

We will need volunteers to bake and create these chocolate goodies.

Anything you can make with some kind of chocolate ingredient will be appreciated!

See you then and bring your sweet tooth!

Thank you Fundraising Committee



Annual Chinese Dinner and Auction

Saturday February 18, 2012 at 6pm

A FANTASTIC evening for FAMILIES, FOOD AND FUN!



Chinese food dinner, followed by a Chinese auction, with many chances to win a variety of items. Tickets for dinner are \$10 adults and \$3 for children under 10. All tickets must be purchased and paid for by Sunday Feb 12th, which is also our annual chocolate auction (you don't want to miss!) our food order will be placed and food must be paid for at that time with a final count of people

What is our Chinese Auction? Well first and most of all it's A LOT OF FUN! We have many items for auction (all donations welcome) the more items, the more fun! The items are placed around the room, a paper bag is placed in front of the item. You purchase strips of tickets (6 strips = 30 tickets for \$5 or 1 strip = 5 tickets for \$1) then place tickets in only the bags in front of items you would like to win. It only takes one ticket to win, however you can put any number of tickets in the bag (if you really want that item and better your chances of winning) once everyone has finished purchasing tickets and placing them in bags the fun begins! One bag at a time a ticket will be drawn. Many items, many winners and some really lucky people go home with lots of items.

Kids and adults really enjoy this evening. Items can be a gift you purchase but never gave away, one that you received but it's not quite right for you, a dish, vase, game, puzzle that you have but would like to pass on for someone else to enjoy (Note: all items must be in very good condition, all pieces together and working ... No chipped, broken, dirty or stained items please) items can be a baked good (ingredients please) or homemade. If you have one or more items you would like to donate for the auction or would like to purchase your tickets please call Debby Arena 781-878-4470 or Kareen Arena 781-878-1988

Please come, we all need you and would love to spend a fun evening with all of UUs if you don't like Chinese food or can't make the dinner that's alright too. Please come and join us for the auction! You will have a great time! Looking forward to seeing you all here at Channing. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions?? Please have items for auction at church no later than Sunday Feb 12th.



A letter from the DRE

Happy 2012! The Year of the Dragon is upon us!

The dragon is associated with change and growth.

January is an ideal time to reflect on the past, and dream about the future. Taking the time to look back at our achievements and our failures, our joys and sorrows, and the choices we've made in the past year, can be a valuable task in setting our course for the new year. What have we learned, how have we changed, and what possibilities of growth lay ahead?

These are the sort of questions I've been asking *myself* as I look at my own life, my role here at Channing Church, and the path that leads to my future.

For the past 5 years, I have split my time between homeschooling my three children, teaching yoga classes, furthering my own education in Yoga, leading self-esteem workshops for girls, and serving as Director of Education here at Channing Church. The RE program has grown significantly in that time with many new families, students, and volunteer teachers. Last year I added more yoga classes to my teaching schedule and this year I've expanded my workshops as well. I've also been invited to collaborate on a nature awareness program for girls this summer. This kind of growth is exciting and inspiring to me! I am very grateful to have so many opportunities to do what I love... working with children, being in community, and serving others.

But growth can be difficult too, because growth requires change, and change can be hard. Growth means letting go of the familiar to make room for the new. Growth means making choices. And so it is with two hearts that I have decided to leave my position as DRE, at the close of this church year. After careful reflection and strategic planning I've learned I need to streamline my efforts and focus my time in order to be most effective in my work.

This decision was not an easy one because I know the ripple effects are far reaching. I know it will put pressure on the members of the board and RE volunteers, as well as the families. But my connections here remain deep and strong and I am committed to making the rest of our time together meaningful and fulfilling. And I am confident that with this change, growth is possible.

The church is in the process of forming a search committee in order to hire a new DRE for the next church year. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Prudential co-chairs Susan Kavka and Susan Curran. I have no doubt that we can find the right person for the job and continue to grow the RE program in the years to come.

I want to thank all of the volunteers and RE Committee members who continue to put their time and energy into making this program work. Thank you for all your love and support. And thank you to the students and families who show up every week to share your ideas, experiences and questions, and to be in community with one another.

In Peace~
Becky Paul

*A birthday is just the first day of another 365 day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip.
~Author Unknown*



Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday wishes to:

February 2 – Paul Norkus

3 – Allyson Willette

6 – Jarrin Kavka

13 – Harriet Winer

20 – Jeanette Chandler

22 – Julian Anderson

March 3 – Dean Tilden

5 – Owen Paul

12 – Peter Arena, Sr

14 – Lara Herosy

20 – Leon Chandler

21 – Marc Tierney

25 – Maryanne Frenette

27 – Carolyn Norkus

29 – Paul Anderson

30 – Gary Paul



And Happy Anniversary to ...

Jeanette and Leon Chandler (**March 22**)

Dean and Barbara Tilden (**March 24**)

Do we have your family's birthdays or anniversaries? If not, please take a minute to send them in. Mail us, email us or leave a note in the office next time you're at church. We want to make sure that we list the birthdays and anniversaries of everyone in our church family. Thank you!

Caring and Sharing

- Phil Dolan passed away Sunday night January 22, 2012. He was 93 years old. His Memorial Service will be held at Channing Church on Sunday February 5th at 1PM. Followed with a luncheon. Please contact Susan Kavka if you are able to bake or cook an item.

Do you have interesting news items about a church family member you think might be nice to include?



All submissions are welcome! You may leave them in the church office, mail them, or email them. **We want your news!**

 **Welcome to Facebook, Channing Church!**

Connect with us on Facebook ...

Join Channing Church's group and keep up to date about our events, catch up with friends, view our pictures & post your own! Go to www.facebook.com and search Channing Church!

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Our Family Is A Circle of Strength and Love

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WORSHIP – Sundays at 10 AM
Childcare available
Religious Education Classes available

The **deadline** for the next issue of THE CHANNING CIRCLE is **Sun Feb. 19th**.
Submissions may be emailed as an attachment to: uuchanning@aol.com
or dropped off in hard copy at the church office.

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS INCLUDE:

Wednesday, Feb. 1st
7-9 PM – Mural Project

Tuesday, Feb. 7th
7:00 PM – House & Grounds Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 18th
6 PM – Chinese Dinner & Auction

Sunday, Feb. 12th
11:30 AM – Chocolate Auction

Sunday, Feb. 19th
11:30 AM – Prudential Meeting



BLUE MOON COFFEEHOUSE

presents

Jo Henley

Saturday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m.



Jo Henley is not a person. Jo Henley is a Boston-based roots-rock band formed by longtime musical collaborators **Andy Campolieto** and **Ben Lee**, known for its exciting blend of rock, folk, country, and bluegrass that their fans affectionately refer to as “new roots.” Inspired by everything from Hank Williams to The Rolling Stones to Phish, Campolieto and Lee, along with drummer **Mike Dingley** and bassist **Kent Stephens**, combine traditional roots music with modern rock to create a sound all their own.

**PLUS
OPEN MIC!**

There will also be homemade snacks, Equal Exchange coffee and a raffle.

Tickets: \$7 at the door

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www.thebluemooncoffeehouse.com