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*“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”*

## **CHAPEL HAPPENINGS**

### **SUMMER 2017**

Dear Friends,

As I write it is still sweater weather here on Fishers, and we felt fortunate for even a glimpse of sun this week! But signs of summer are coming – flowers blooming, mowers mowing, the ferry getting busier -- and here at church we are planning special events for the season.

What is the role of a church in its community? Our programs throughout the year are an attempt to answer that faithfully. The church is called to be a place to be together for worship and fellowship, but also a place from which we disperse to carry on the work of God. German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that “the church must share in the secular problems of ordinary life, not dominating but helping and serving.”

Here at Union Chapel, I urge us to continue to be that community within our community where God’s mercy and hope can be experienced and shared. God’s grace can be known anywhere we happen to be – in our beaches, businesses, and board meetings.

Like Paul, let us never doubt the power of Christian witness to touch lives, or offer hope in situations that may seem dark. From prison he encouraged the church at Philippi with these words:

*Do all things without murmuring or arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. Phil 2:14-15*

I pray that we might all abide in God’s love more deeply, and that opportunities abound this summer for us to shine the light and love of God to our community. Our call is no less. What a great privilege!

Grace and peace,

*Candy*

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### CHURCH BUSINESS HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday

10:00am – 1 pm

Tuesday – 10:00am – noon

Closed all other days



## THANK YOU

### TO OUR VOLUNTEER ANGELS FOR FLOWERS AND SOCIAL HOUR

JANUARY – MAY 2017

#### SOCIAL HOUR:

Diane Dexter

Sharon Patterson

Laura Edwards

Virginia Thors

Fran Roethgen

Anita Fritze

Michele Klimczak

Louisa Evans

Susie Renna

#### FLOWERS:

Christmas Flowers

Michele Klimczak

Gus Kinsolving Service

Ellen Parker

Laura Edwards

Jan Cook and family

Kandi Sanger



## Thrift Shop Opens in June!

*Many hands make light work....*

From Mary, who returned last month and is hard at work getting us up and running for Summer 2017...

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The Thrift Shop desperately needs volunteers.

Please call Mary @788-7250 if you could help in any way. The Shop will open for the season as soon as it's ship-shape!

We still collect empty egg cartons and metal coffee cans. We also like paper shopping bags with handles and the clear plastic zip bags that linens are packed in (sheet, comforter or any size).

The Thrift Shop accepts gently used household items, clothing and small pieces of furniture. Pieces that have worn out their welcome in your home are always welcome in ours (if they are salable).

Because of safety issues and the environment, the Thrift Shop cannot accept donations of: *air conditioners, auto parts, bathroom/kitchen fixtures, high chairs, cribs, car seats, strollers, play pens, CRT (tube) TVs, flammable materials, furniture that is heavily soiled/broken/ripped, guns and ammunition, halogen lamps, hazardous chemicals, large appliances, mattresses and box springs, non-working small appliances, exercise equipment, paints, and wet or heavily soiled textiles.*



### Friendly Reminder

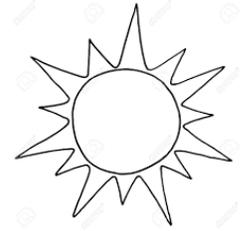
Donate your old  
eyeglasses in the basket in  
the Fellowship Room.



Thank you!

**Organist Glenn Orkney  
returns Sunday,  
August 13!**

# SUMMER OFFERINGS AT UNION CHAPEL



## Beach Church

**Sundays, 8:00 am @ Dock Beach, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Aug 6, 13, 20**

Meet at Dock Beach for an informal worship service in a beautiful, tranquil setting. Bring something to sit on. All are welcome at this 30-minute, nature-based service.

## God and Government: A Sacred Conversation

**Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Parsonage July 10, 17, 24, 31, and Aug 7**

This summer Bible study in partnership with St. John's will review scriptures that inform us about the intersection of faith and politics. Putting aside our political leanings, we will discover guidance for the Christian response to issues of our day. No previous Bible knowledge is required.

## Chapel Art Camp—Spaces still available!

**Tuesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Union Chapel, or on site**

**June 27, July 11, 18, 25, and Aug 1**

Children aged 8 and up will engage in arts and crafts relevant to church life and the Bible, as well as learn new art skills and have fun! Projects include things such as pottery, stained glass, calligraphy, and more!



## **THANK YOU TO THE FISHERS ISLAND THREE CHURCHES CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017!**

Every May on the Island, golfers have enjoyed playing golf at the Big Club in the Annual Fishers Island Churches Golf Tournament. The mission of this fund raiser is to generate funds for the growth and maintenance of the Fishers Island churches. We couldn't fulfill our vital mission without our wonderful sponsors and volunteers!



We wish to thank all our sponsors as well as Chair Laurie Finan and Committee members Gail Cypherd, Diane Dexter, Matt Edwards, Dirk Harris, John Klimczak, Emily Peabody, Joe Rogan, and Matt Skinner for their efforts on our behalf.

# LIGHT THE STEEPLE MINISTRY

A soft light has been installed inside our “steeple” to be lit from sunset to midnight. The Trustees invite you to “Light the Steeple” in honor of or in memory of a loved one by donating \$25 to Union Chapel. Just submit the form below, and we will light the steeple on the appropriate week and print this remembrance in our newsletter.

## LIGHT THE STEEPLE FORM

In Honor of   or   In Memory of   (circle one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

For the week of \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to and mail this form to: Fishers Island Union Chapel, P.O. Box 192, Fishers Island, NY 06390

## THE STEEPLE WAS LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### March:

In Memory of Doug Hoadley

Given by Gail Hoadley Schongar



## New Church Letterhead!



The Trustees and Candy are delighted to announce our new church letterhead (pictured here). It features the dove from our stained glass window by Charlie Ferguson. Thank you to graphic designer Courtney Moore who donated her design to the church.



## UNION CHAPEL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

*Be sure to check out our summer offerings in this issue of Chapel Happenings!*

### Our regular monthly events include...

- Communion Sunday - 10 am - first Sunday
- Ladies' Potluck Luncheon – noon - first Monday
- Bible Study – Mondays, 4 pm, parsonage (fall-spring)
- Church School –3 pm – Wednesdays/Thursdays
- Deacons' meeting – noon - second Friday
- Trustees' meeting – 1 pm - second Monday
- Senior Lunch – noon – third Thursday, Sept- May only
- Open Book Group – several times throughout the year
- Library Book Club – 7 pm – second Thursday (at the Library)

**Keep an eye out for community suppers, movie nights, and more beginning again in September!**

### BEAUTIFUL ART IS COMING IN JULY TO OUR SANCTUARY!

We are delighted to feature this summer an installation of two paintings titled “Sky Banners” by Sukey Bryan. Sukey, daughter of Barry and Miggie Bryan, exhibits regularly in California where she lives and elsewhere in this country and around the world. Sukey’s work is often featured in churches as it pertains to Christian spirituality. She will be here to discuss her work in person in July.

# SPRING FAIR 2017

Fresh from our Facebook page....a few highlights of this *fun-raiser*! Thanks to our cooks, crafters, and customers! And also our eco-minded church school who offered seedlings for our pollinators.



## Just for laughs...

A little boy was overheard praying,  
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy,  
don't worry about it. I'm having a real good  
time like I am."

We were delighted also to have with us the Class of 2018 raffling off a session with a professional photographer!

# Church School

## Wrap-up

By Laura Edwards

*We wish to thank Laura who will be retiring from leading church school this June. We send her off this month with our heartfelt thanks and admiration for bringing years of love and a special gift for teaching to our young disciples.*



### **Our little ones were big on enthusiasm!**

This year with the Pre-K and Kindergarten class I used “Favorite Bible Stories” from the *All-in-One Bible Fun* series. We learned about the faithfulness of the great men and women from the Bible, including Jacob, Joseph, Ruth, Hannah, Samuel, David and Jonathan. Each lesson was accompanied by a hands-on-activity, a song, and a scripture verse. The children are particularly fond of music and love to sing and dance.

God’s love, loving and helping others, and friendship were recurring themes in our curriculum.

The children were very enthusiastic about church school. I enjoyed them immensely!

### **“Abraham’s Stars” - Grades 3-5**

Since Christmas we have studied about Abram’s call in Genesis 12:1-9 and God’s promise to Abram, “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” We made our own maps of his journey to Canaan, and discussed how we’ve been blessed and how we can be a blessing to others.

We then read and discussed God’s words to Abram when he told him, “Look toward heaven and number the stars, if you are able to number them. So shall your descendants be.” The children made their own individual stars with their pictures and personal information and we put them on the bulletin board entitled Abraham’s stars.

Our lessons continued with the birth of Isaac and the rivalry between Esau and Jacob, who tricked Esau into giving him his inheritance. Discussion followed on fairness and justice.



We used “Miss Lea’s Bible Stories for Children” by Rosemary Lea. We read the story of Jacob’s sons and his treatment of Joseph who was his favorite, the jealousy of his ten brothers and of their selling him to traders, about Joseph’s life in Egypt, and of how his brothers came to Egypt to become the Children of Israel. (continued)

We came to Exodus and learned about Moses and his efforts to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. This unit focused on the ten plagues of Egypt, and the crossing of the Red Sea, and Moses's receiving the Ten Commandments.

In April we went to the Race Rock Garden greenhouse and planted seeds for sale at the Spring Fair. We wish to thank Jeff Edwards for his help.

I have really enjoyed working with this group, watching them grow and mature over the years. They are children of whom we should be very proud!



## THE OPEN BOOK GROUP



### Continues its Study of World Religions

On Monday, June 5 the Open Book Group gathered to continue our study of other religions. Having looked at Islam last year, this spring we tackled Buddhism as presented by Stephen Prothero in his book *God is Not One*.

In our study we learned highlights of this “religion” – which may not be the most accurate label since not all Buddhists believe in spiritual beings. Of interest were key events in the life of its founder, Siddhartha Gautama, as well as learning about The Four Noble Truths, observations about suffering and how to overcome it. Our study also touched on the accessibility of nirvana and the different types of Buddhism that are practiced today. We found contrasts with Christianity, for example, in the way Buddhism views “the self” as a construct, and not an “Absolute Truth.” Christianity teaches each human is uniquely made in God’s image with a soul.

Interestingly, although meditation and mindfulness have been popular in the West, neither is actually a prominent aspect of Buddhism. In response to criticism that Buddhism is too individualistic, “engaged Buddhism” has gained adherents as it incorporates acts of compassion into one’s spiritual life.

In September we will resume our study with Hinduism.

## TEN WAYS TO LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:9)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (I Corinthians 13:7)
9. Prove without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:17)



## EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS – 2017

In Memory of Walter and Margaret Thompson  
And Frank and Marie Burr  
Given by Jan and Peter Burr

In Memory of Scott Lamb,  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacMillan  
And Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lamb, Sr.  
Given by Jane and Lewis Lamb and Family

In Memory of Nancy Gerry and Harris Parsons  
And in Honor of Merritt, Charlotte,  
Nate and Emily  
Given by The Brinckerhoffs

In Memory of Albert and Dorothy Dawson  
And in Celebration of my great grandchildren  
Ryan and Hailey Green  
Given by Diane Dawson Dexter

In Memory of Harold, Steven and Casey Cook,  
You “3” will always have a special place  
in our hearts, xoxo.  
Given by your loving family

In Memory of Flora and Eddie Woodford  
And Dorothy and Perry Edwards  
Given by Laura Edwards

In Memory of Peter G. Bryan  
Given by Miggie and Barry Bryan

In Memory of Grace Murphy  
Given by David Rogan

In Celebration of the Congregation  
of Union Chapel  
Given by Rev. Candace Whitman

In Celebration of Maxine Porter Arnold  
And Zander Parker Pierce  
Given by Sarah Porter and Geordie Loveday

In Memory of Meredith Moody  
And Lisa Cook Reed  
Given by Sarah and Geordie

In Memory of Rachel and Maxwell Porter,  
Eliot and Marilyn Porter  
And Charles Arnold  
Given by the Arnold, Porter and Soper Families

In Memory of The Reverend Rosemary Dysart Baue  
And Dr. Arthur Edward Baue  
Given by Bill Baue, Jiyanna Vagedes Baue,  
Clara Dahill-Baue, Emma Vagedes-Plavcan and  
Aoife Dahill-Baue

In Memory of Patricia Baker  
Given by Richard Baker and Family

In Memory of Virginia and Tom Patterson  
And Martha and Walter Rafferty  
Given by Sharon and Tim Patterson

In Memory of Helen and Jerrold Bryce  
Given by John and Melie Spofford

In Loving Memory of  
Grayson and Mary Murphy  
And Gunther Fritze  
Given by the Fritze Family

In Memory of Augustus B. Kinsolving  
Given by The Farrars

In Memory of Karl E. and Frances M. Fransson  
Given by Karl, Martha and Julia Fransson

In Memory of Lawrence and Bertha Baldwin  
Given by the Pankiewicz and Geist Family

In Memory of Dr. Ralph K. Hoch and Ethel Alice Hoch  
And Richard J. Hoch  
Given by the Hoch Family

In Loving Memory of Dorothy and “Ted” Calney  
Given by “Wally” Calney

*Union Chapel is deeply saddened by the loss of our friend and fellow traveler  
Augustus Kinsolving*

*who passed away on March 27, 1917. We miss him very much.*

*We send love and prayers to the Kinsolving family and pray  
God’s comfort to be with us all.*