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SUNDAY SERVICES

September Monthly
Theme: **Welcome**

September 3: "How Did You 'UU' This Summer?"

As we head back into our regular worship year, let's spend an hour talking about how we lived our principles and values during the warm months of fun, sun, camp, and whatever! A relaxed, interactive service led by Sunday Program Committee; Isabella on piano.



September 10: Ingathering Sunday, Water Communion and Grounds Dedication

Join us for our annual celebration of renewal and beginning. Please bring some water with you to share as part of our Water Communion service. Whether it's from a faraway place, or your backyard, bring water symbolizing the place or places in our lives that offer us renewal and nourishment. Following the service we'll celebrate the completion of our major grounds work and newly landscaped entrance. Rev. Jude Preaching; choir singing

September 17: Friendship Sunday "Open Minds, Welcome Hearts" *

Today we'll reflect on some of the core spiritual foundations of our eclectic faith. Rev. Jude preaching; choir singing

** Bring friends to the Fellowship and stay for a potluck after the service.*

September 24: (Rosh Hashanah Observed) "Return Again"

A service of reflection and memory for this Jewish Holy Day. Harriet McKenna will share her reflections on her near-death experience 20 years ago. Rev. Jude preaching with Harriet McKenna; Isabella on piano

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

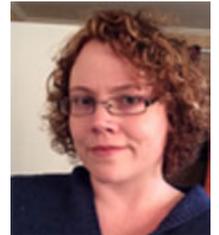
As summer comes to a close, and our kids break out their pencils and notebooks again, we welcome all to the start of another Fellowship year. Our annual Water Communion service is set for Sept. 10. After 35 years in the making, immediately following our service, we will celebrate our grounds dedication. The efforts over the past few years will change the face of our Fellowship for another generation! The following week, on Sept. 17, we're encouraging all our members to invite a friend.

The sermon will be welcoming to first-timers, and we'll have our potluck following the service, so there will be chances for all to better connect.

We are also welcoming Greta Seidhol as our new ministerial intern for the next two years. She's interning part-time with us as she completes her seminary education. She will be newly moving to NYC to join us after Labor Day weekend. Please give her a warm welcome at Ingathering! ~ **Warmly, Rev. Jude**

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Every September we renew our commitment to this beloved community through our ingathering and Water Communion service. It's a time to enter again into covenant; to remind ourselves of the promises we hold for how we will be in community with one another. It's also a time to remember the shared vision we have for our Fellowship and the wider world. It's a time of welcome; welcoming the stranger, one another, and oneself. Welcome.



As we enter into this new Fellowship year together, I've been thinking about our priorities. If our deepest priority is to be in relationship with one another so we can live into the vision of a beloved community, then how do we make that the center of what we set out to do?

Our Adult Religious Education focus this year continues to be small group ministry. We use Soul Matters, which provides themes and brief reading. While this starts with a monthly theme, the discussions are open to your lived experiences. Regular engagement in a monthly group gives a place to share concerns about the state of the world, a space to process how to live our UU values during difficult and trying times, and a way to continue developing in our UU faith. Rev. Jude and I would like to see every adult at UUFH attending a small group each month. To sign up look for the poster in the Social Hall in September or email me at dre@uufh.org.

Want to stay informed about adult religious education at UUFH? Watch for our Lifespan Religious Education guide in the back of the Main Hall each month. This guide will tell you what's going on in RE and help you connect to our themes and programs throughout the month. ~ **Starr Austin**

RE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Join us on Sept. 10 after service for lunch and RE orientation for families. We will present information about the curricula, teaching teams, calendar, and special events and opportunities in our program this year – including a desire to bring back Fellowship Family Fridays! What's that you ask? Come to orientation and find out!

On Sept. 17 we encourage everyone to invite and bring friends (all ages) to the Fellowship for worship, RE and a potluck following the service. You love this place and you love your friends; introduce them!

The RE Council has been discussing ways to make RE more inclusive, engaging and connected for our children, youth, and adults. Our classes this year will be multi-age groups with a shared lesson and a variety of optional activities to deepen the focus of each lesson.

These groups will provide space for our children and youth to answer the call of their hearts in how to process their own learning; invite them into peer mentor relationships similar to Circle Groups at our Sophia Fahs summer camp; and make space for individuals across different stages of development to connect and find an entryway into our community. Our priority is building relationships and fostering a sense of belonging. This directly leads to building a UU identity.

While our groups will have some age segregation, we want every family to have a place here at UUFH. If your child or youth

prefers class – great! If they prefer to remain in worship, we welcome that too! If your teen would be best served by volunteering with younger children, drop me a line. Let's figure out together how to create an inclusive and engaging environment for your child and/or youth at UUFH.

*Everything we do is faith development.
The congregation is the curriculum.
All we teach is Unitarian Universalism*
-Connie Goodbread, UUA Regional Staff

~ Starr Austin, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're halfway through August as I write this, and everyone's thoughts seem to be turning to fall. At the Fellowship, as you probably know, we have a busy schedule of fundraisers and events coming up. This is the inaugural year for our Halloween fair on Oct. 14 and pumpkin patch sale! We're hoping that these will become important fundraisers for the Fellowship in years to come. November will bring our biggest fundraiser, the Services Auction on Nov. 18, in addition to a repeat of the popular Video Game Expo on Nov. 4. All these events will need volunteers for small, medium and large jobs, so if you have the desire and ability to help out, please sign up! Fellowship members will also be participating in community events, including the Long Island Fall Festival at Heckscher Park (Oct. 7-8) and the Unity in the Community/Huntington Awareness Day (Sept. 9) in Huntington Station. These are great opportunities for us to get the word out about who we are and what we believe! Our Social Justice Committee has multiple events planned on topics that are highly relevant to the world we find ourselves living in now—check the Flash and the website calendar for details.

The new Board of Trustees had its first meeting in August. I'm grateful for our experienced returning Board members, as well as our new members who have agreed to take on this important responsibility. As always, minutes of Board meetings are posted to the UUFH website in the members section. If you need help finding them, just ask. We aim to be transparent. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with concerns, questions and suggestions. Committee chairs, your Board liaisons will be contacting you soon if they haven't done so already. Please keep your liaison updated on what's going on with your committee, and don't hesitate to get in touch if your committee is in need of support or guidance from the Board. ~ *Elisa Fante*

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Calling for Communication Volunteers—Nov. 1 Nears!

Do you love keeping up with all the interesting happenings at the UUFH? Enjoy a little writing, editing and sharing the latest with others? The Communications team is looking for a few committed folks interested in learning one or a few of these important and needed communication roles for the Fellowship.

November 1 is the day when we will begin the necessary reduction in hours allotted to our communications specialist, Bridgette Nicolini. To sustain the current level of communication activities (a weekly Fellowship *Flash*, a monthly *Beacon*, Thoughts & Prayers announcements, social media posts, press releases, occasional ads, and graphic arts expertise for posters, banners and brochures) we *need* to grow the communications committee. Could you be the someone interested in learning and helping in any of the following communication roles?



- Updating Constant Contact email lists through Icon
- Sending out Thoughts & Prayers and other UUFH blasts via Constant Contact
- Serving as a rotating editor of our weekly online *Flash*
- Serving as a rotating editor of our monthly *Beacon*
- Handling the occasional advertising the Fellowship does on an annual basis
- Helping with social media (Facebook, Twitter, Eventbrite and Instagram)
- Writing press releases and submitting news items to local sites and calendars.
- VERY IMPORTANTLY: Do you have strong graphic arts skills or even developing ones that you're interested in strengthening? We very much NEED graphic artists to work on flyers, posters, signs and banners, as needed.

Join us in getting the word out! It's fun, interesting and meaningful. Please reach out to any of the communications committee members as soon as possible—so there is no reduction in our activities. Let us know you're interested in lending a hand...and a heart: Liza Burby (lizaburby@verizon.net), Karen Mazzotta (karen.mazzotta@gmail.com), Carol Towne (litowneny@gmail.com)

and Annette Kirk (akirk200@yahoo.com).

JOIN US FOR THESE FALL UUFH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for all the events that are either taking place at the UUFH or we're participating in through the community. It's going to be a busy, but exciting fall.

Saturday, Sept. 9: Unity in the Community, Huntington Awareness Day

Sunday, Sept. 17: Bring a Friend Sunday & Potluck (congregation-wide event)

Sunday, Oct 1: Sunday Service on Immigration with talk back

Saturday, Oct. 7-Sunday, Oct. 8: Long Island Fall Festival

Friday, Oct. 6: Social Justice film and discussion about immigration

Oct. 8-31: Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, Oct. 14: Halloween Faire

Friday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 29: COM Conversation Cafes

Saturday, Oct. 28: Accompaniment, Rapid Response, Sanctuary training from LIJWJ and Upstander Training from NYCLU

Saturday, Nov. 4: Video Game Expo

Saturday, Nov. 18: Services Auction

SEPTEMBER PARKING LOT UPDATE



I know; you think there's nothing more to say, what with the lovely new landscaping from our friend and Eagle Scout Ishaan Lohia and the paved parking. But I do want take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting Ishaan's car wash and bake sale in July. He left that day with \$1,000 in donations from UUFH friends and members, as well as his neighbors. That is a testament to the generous and supportive spirit of this congregation. I also wanted to thank Ishaan's leader Jeff Lindley (who doubled as our parking lot contractor) and landscape designer Frank Esposito (who guided Ishaan's design) for all their labor and input. Ishaan received a gift card in appreciation on behalf of the Fellowship as he headed off to start at

Northeastern this week. Please see his thank you to us below.

Meanwhile, there continue to be minor landscaping issues with the larger plan, largely the result of the fact that many trees and shrubs had to be planted in the heat of the summer. Know that the landscaper is just waiting for substitutes and a more seasonably cool time to plant them before they'll be replaced. But it is indeed being tended to.

Finally, there are still many outstanding town documents that I am handling to make this parking lot project able to be filed in the DONE cabinet at the Fellowship. (Since I still have a two-foot-high pile of documents and several rolls of architectural plans in my home office, I'm eager for that day on many levels!) I'll be sure to let the congregation know when the town declares us complete.

I hope you join us for the parking lot dedication after the service on Sept. 10 as the completion of this decades-long project is something for everyone to celebrate. Just for fun, here's a photo of what our parking lot used to look like. We've come a long way since fall 2014! ~ *Liza Burby*



THANK YOU - EAGLE SCOUT

Hi, my name is Ishaan Lohia and I am a Boy Scout from Troop 360. Over the past several weeks, you may have seen myself and some helpers working around the Fellowship: hosting a car wash, painting benches, digging up boulders, and planting flowers. For those of you who don't know, this was all part of my Eagle Scout Project, a service project that all Eagle Scouts must complete to benefit their community. My project was to landscape the front entryway of the UUFH, and after months of hard work I could not be happier with the results! I would like to thank everyone at the Fellowship for giving me this opportunity, and I hope we created something that will be both long-lasting and meaningful to the UUFH. I would also like to thank those who supported the fundraiser for this project, where we managed to raise \$1,332.58 to purchase plants, lumber and tools. Your generosity, along with the invaluable help of all of the volunteers, brought this project to fruition. Thank you. ~ *Ishaan Lohia*

POST EARLY & OFTEN: 10 TIPS TO PUBLICIZING YOUR NEXT UUFH EVENT, NEWS OR BOTH

As we enter another wonderful and busy Fellowship year, I want to remind everyone how to jumpstart getting the word out about your news and events.

1. First and foremost, *remember to post* your events and general news and announcements to the UUFH.org website. The content you post to UUFH.org feeds the weekly Fellowship *Flash* and some of the monthly *Beacon*, as well as the Fellowship's Facebook and Twitter pages, when appropriate. (FYI, the *Flash* has a Monday noon deadline; the *Beacon*, the 15th of every month.) All of the above is supported by the Communications Committee, chaired by Liza Burby.
2. Go to the UUFH.org homepage *top menu* and click on *Post Events* or *Post News*. A form will drop down for you to fill out. Not sure how to write up your item? Keep it brief and catchy. Have something more in-depth to say (250 words or so)? Write a Beacon article by the 15th of the month prior, and submit it in Word to communications@uufh.org. More details here: <http://www.uufh.org/new-guidelines-for-uufh-publications/>
3. **Post events** will send your events to the UUFH.org website *Events Calendar*.
4. **Post news** will send your information to the UUFH.org *News and Announcements* section.
5. Upload an image with your post, if possible. Pictures make it more interesting.
6. If needed, the website *Member's Corner* features more detailed instructions (*Posting & Publications FAQs & Guidelines*) as well as a *Fundraiser Event Publicity Form* to help you gather all the info you will need to help you promote your event.
7. It's a great idea to have a designated person handle your committee communication updates, so someone gains familiarity with the posting procedures and deadlines, which are easy and fun once you start.
8. Will your event require the communications team to reach out to the local media? Please be in touch *at least 6 weeks in advance*. Many of the newspaper calendar listings have longer lead times, for example.
9. If you need any assistance with a UUFH.org website posting, please reach out to Communications Committee member Carol Towne, litowneny@gmail.com. She'll be happy to help. If she can't help you, she'll direct you to someone who can.

Looking forward to fellowship, friends and a fun year. And remember to post! ~ **Karen Mazzotta, Communications Committee Member**

UUFH CHEERS AND THANKS 2017

The summer of 2017 is one for cheers and celebration of the UUFH volunteer carpenters, gardeners, individuals providing extra financial support and overall member commitments to our spiritual home base.

It has been a real pleasure to find a smooth driveway and parking lot. We can now see our UUFH building as a whole and it is impressive. Our Grow to Give Garden with its newly built shed has expanded this summer in space and production. There are outdoor chairs and benches appearing in the Memorial Garden that were donated by members. We are being welcomed by newly placed carpeting in the Main Hall on Sunday mornings. The courtyard has flowers blooming and a new platform is being built which is a significant improvement over the old painted wood flooring of the past. We can also look forward to seeing a new Eagle Scout landscape project in the front with thanks to our youth contributions.

Many thanks and cheers to all for the enrichment of our spiritual and community life together at the UUFH. ~ **Gratefully submitted by Joyce Williams**

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY INTRODUCES THE CONVERSATION CAFÉ ON 10/27 AND 10/29

The UUFH operates through collaborative leadership, shared by the minister, the staff, the lay leaders and each individual congregant. Together, we're *all* responsible for ensuring that our congregation is in good standing with our Mission, Vision and Covenant (MVC). To that end, this year, the Committee on Ministry (COM) will focus on measuring the effectiveness of the ministry of the Congregation.

The Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee has been working hard over the last year to get us all thinking in this direction and encouraging committees to work together on common goals that are in sync with our mission and vision. As a starting point for COM's evaluation process, we will be offering everyone in the congregation the opportunity to participate in a style of meeting called Conversation Café. Briefly, a Conversation Café is a 90-minute hosted conversation for groups of no more than eight people. We will have several groups available, depending on how many people want to participate. These conversations have "a simple format that helps everyone feel at ease and gives everyone who wants it a chance to speak – it's also fine for people to simply listen." (from their website: www.conversationcafe.org). All groups will have the same themed discussion around the successes and challenges of living our MVC. This format is much like that used in the Small Ministry Groups where everyone has a chance to speak on the subject uninterrupted, then another round of conversation for people to expand on or update their

perspective, and then the conversation is open for exchanges.

We will be hosting these meetings on Friday night, Oct. 27 at 7pm and again on Sunday, Oct. 29 after the service. We hope this will provide more flexibility for people to participate. We will soon have a sign up table in the Social Hall. Or you can email me (Nikki Willard) at nwillard1@yahoo.com.

Are you interested? Would you like more information? Please speak with one of us.~ **The Committee on Ministry, Bob Bader, Liza Burby, Beth Feldman, Ann Scolnick, David Sussman and Nikki Willard**

OUR FELLOWSHIP HOME

We are getting many requests for rentals this year and preparing for more through the Community Space at the Fellowship, which helps our financial situation. In order to make our "home" more appealing, we need all your help regarding the following: Please do not leave up displays, tables, etc. in the Board Room, Main Hall, Social Hall, Gallery, etc. after a busy weekend. Often many items are left out around the building making it necessary for office volunteers to lift heavy tables, etc. Potential renters can come at any time to look at our home, so it needs to be ready to view.

A special thanks to Peggy Koulias for doing super organization of the entire building and especially in the Board Room, sound room, music room, closets, front office and back office! We all want to help keep it that way which will help bring in more renters. Thank you to everyone for spreading the word and helping out.~ **Susie Byrnes, Office Administrator**

OUR NEW DECK



And I am sure you have all noticed our new deck in the courtyard, installed by Tim Kidder and Ralph Taliercio. This project was funded by "Brown's Road Press" which was a fund set up by a group of contributors many years ago to help support the publication of ministers' books by Ray Baughan, Bruce Marshall and a curriculum "Side by Side" written by Beth Graham, Judy Reinauer and Mary Bly. This curriculum for preadolescent girls was used widely by Unitarian Universalist and United Church of Christ congregations nationwide.



The existing members of the group now wish to use the fund to help beautify the fellowship. See our website for pictures and further information.

Besides Tim and Ralph, I would like to thank several other members helped to demolish the old deck and clean up the courtyard. ~ **Susan Peters**

2ND SATURDAY SHARED MAINTENANCE REPORT

I'd like to thank our small, but efficient August crew who volunteered their time August 12, led by Peggy Koulias.

Michael Sussman and Tim Kidder took care of the light in the administrative bathroom and the doorknob in that wing. They also started painting over the areas of the ceiling at the doorway of the main hall. This may need a coat of primer next time.

Michael also checked lights and replaced bulbs as needed. There is an emergency light fixture above the door in the social hall that leads into the gallery which is not functioning. Michael and Tim will determine if it should be replaced or if the battery can be replaced.

Ralph gave the LL bathroom a coat of paint and will check tomorrow morning to see if it will need another coat.

Tim also worked with Joyce Williams raking and cleaning up the courtyard. (The lumber had miraculously been moved out to the garden before we arrived.)

Michael is also dealing with an ongoing raccoon problem in the dumpster.

Also, during the past few months, Tim Kidder and Michael Sussman replaced the collapsing roof structure over the cottage basement. Tim also repaired and painted the apartment door, saving us the cost of replacement. ~ **Susan Peters**

FELLOWSHIP ART GALLERY – SEPTEMBER EXHIBIT

Vince Joseph is heading our fall line-up at the Fellowship gallery with his acrylic paintings from Sept. 6-Oct. 15. His exhibit is titled SEEING AND IMAGINATION, PAINTINGS IN THE SYMBOLIST TRADITION. In them he explores the link between imagination and nature. He states that simply looking and then translating the experience into a painterly metaphor makes the connections between painter and environment. He states, “The hope, always mixed with doubt, is that something reflective, poetic and even moral is expressed about our being in the world.”

Come meet the artist at his reception, Sunday, Sept. 24, after the service. Join with a number of others artists from the Huntington community in supporting our gallery and viewing and discussing the work from various perspectives.

Following Vince’s exhibit, we can look forward to the special photographs of our own Spencer Ross. More information to follow on that later. ~ **Ann Scolnick**

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR SEPTEMBER-YOUR MANY HOMES

When do you feel “at home”? Answering that question reminds us that home is never a single place. Many places, experiences, and people offer us the experience of welcome, connection and belonging. The more we think about it, the longer the list becomes.

So take some time this month to finally write that long list down. That’s all there is to it. Just number a page and see how many things you can name that give you a sense of home: “At the ocean.” “Whenever I smell freshly baked cookies like my mom use to make.” “In the arms of my love.” “In the quiet of the morning.” “While painting.” “When my skills are noticed or put to use.”

LIVING OUR VALUES

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER - Bending the arc towards justice this fall.

SUPPORT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AT OUR “SOMOS UNIDOS” EVENTS (We are united)

“It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men.” Frederick Douglass



This is the vision behind **STRONG: Struggling To Reunite Our New Generation** (www.strongyouth.com), a local community development organization specializing in preventing youth and gang violence that was featured in a poignant SPC service brought to us by Mary Beth Guyther.

In the wake of President Trump’s recent charge to local police officers in Brentwood to “not be too nice” when arresting gang defendants, there has been increased ICE activity this summer on New York Avenue in Huntington, which has led to the detention and deportation of local residents with no criminal background.

The Problem: NYCLU states “at least 9 children from Suffolk County are being held in highly restrictive detention based solely on **unconfirmed suspicions** of gang involvement. This means that kids for whom the police department has insufficient evidence criminally to prosecute are nonetheless being summarily snatched up by ICE and shipped to jail-like facilities hundreds or thousands of miles from family and immigration lawyers.”

Fathers and mothers are also being detained, often leaving their children (US-born as well) alone at home with no means of support and **no idea of their whereabouts**. The fear in the immigrant community is palpable while our safety and security are compromised.

Offering Sanctuary – SOMOS UNIDOS – We Are United:

UUFH, in tandem with LI Area Council (LIAC) UUs and other interfaith groups, is researching our options. To this end, a Huntington-based Rapid Response Network is in the works and our Social Justice Ministry has scheduled the following Immigrant Advocacy program this autumn titled **Somos Unidos** to bring our congregants and the community up to speed.

SAVE THE DATES:

UNITY PARADE AND FAIR, HUNTINGTON AWARENESS DAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9 AM TO 4 PM

Join the parade and help staff our UUFH info tent. Marchers and school bands gather at Stimson Middle School, 401 Oakwood Road Huntington Station, between 9 am and **no later than 10 am**. A shuttle bus will run from Stimson to Jefferson Primary School. We'll walk from there back to Stimson for food, games, fun and attractions for all. Come brag about our Fellowship to all comers and let them know why you're there. <https://www.facebook.com/HACPHuntingtonAwarenessDay>

MOMENT OF WITNESS AT OUR SEPTEMBER 17 SERVICE

Brief personal testimonies of anti-immigrant experiences on Long Island and counter advocacy measures taken.

SOMOS UNIDOS SUNDAY SERVICE, OCTOBER 1

With talk back during coffee hour. Come hear Irma Solis, a fellow UU and Executive director of NYCLU SUFFOLK chapter, share her personal story as a Mexican American and learn about her immigrant justice work. Join Irma after the service for an update on local anti-immigrant realities and what you can do to help.

SOMOS UNIDOS FRIDAY NIGHT FILM WITH LIISA, OCTOBER 6 FROM 7-9:30 PM

Join us for a look at the current climate of nationwide fear and violence towards the immigrant community and hear from young DREAMers with the Long Island Immigrant Student Alliance. Check out this link for steps we can take in the new sanctuary movement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYrq-718ZyU>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, IMMIGRANT SUPPORT TRAINING 9:30AM TO 2:30 PM

From Long Island Jobs with Justice (LIJWJ): Rapid Response Network, witness accompaniment to local courts, ICE hotline, offerings short-term sanctuary. \$10 donations gratefully accepted. A delicious Mexican Lunch is graciously donated by Oaxaca restaurateur Alex Gonzalez. ~ *Diana Weaving*

LONG ISLAND FALL FESTIVAL AT HECKSCHER PARK, HUNTINGTON, OCT 7 & 8 (SAT & SUN) - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

UUFH will have a double space Street Vendor presence at the Fair this year. There will be an extensive photo display that expresses who we are and what resonates with us; the causes we're involved with both in and outside of UUFH and the Huntington community; and the groups we partnership with and give support to. We will also have literature about ourselves and our partners and a very nice giveaway. We will also have an assortment of items for sale.

We need a variety of volunteers from the preparation of the event to working at the event. Please see (and signup) at our desk in the Social Hall after service or contact me at ralphbway@yahoo.com or 631-499-6686. ~ *Ralph Talierno*

HIHI DONATIONS NEEDED



Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI) is a Huntington-wide effort to address homelessness right here in our community. The UUFH hosts every Sunday night during the colder months. HiHi season is coming soon and the planning has begun. We need your donations to help us run the congregation laundry swap. We need twin-sized sheets (flat or fitted), blankets, pillow cases, towels and washcloths. The laundry swap is important because it saves us so much money on laundry services. (The Family Service League provides the laundering.) Help if you can!

We also need our typical donations: disposable razors, shaving cream (large cans), cans of spray deodorant, pocket combs, pocket tissues, socks and men's briefs (size large). There will be a donation bin by the coat closet! Thank you so much! ~ *Joanne Polichetti*

UUFH FUNDRAISERS



LAST LICKS CAFÉ SEPTEMBER 23 STARRING THE QUEAZLES

They're back and better than ever! Huntington's favorite Sixties band returns Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 pm with their tight harmonies and rocking good-time music. Dancing in the aisles encouraged! Hear songs of the Beatles, Stones, Beach Boys, Dave Clark Five, Kinks, Lovin' Spoonful and lots more. See them on our Main Hall stage for \$15/\$13 for seniors and students. Or order your ticket on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-queazles-at-last-licks-cafe-tickets-37363500235>



PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

Although our calendars said it was summer, many of us spent these past months thinking about autumn and getting ready for the first UUFH Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. Our sale will be held at the American Legion Hall on Mill Dam Rd beginning on Oct. 8. (Set up and unloading on the 7th). This is exciting because it benefits us and the Navajo Nation of New Mexico who grow the pumpkins. Since these pumpkins are grown in a dry climate they last longer without rotting than the regular store-bought pumpkins. And I have a reliable source that tells me this is really true!

We look forward to involving our whole UUFH congregation as we strive to make this into something that can grow each year. Check the Flash and the volunteer table on Sundays in the Social Hall to see how you can help. Helping can be as easy as bringing yourself, neighbors, youth groups to our patch, sharing and liking on social media or helping to put up signs around town. Of course, your time selling pumpkins is most welcome; children and youth can help, too.

Save the Date, Pumpkin sales team training: Sunday, Sept. 17 at 12:15 pm OR Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7pm. Please plan to attend one training if you can help sell pumpkins. Sign up at the volunteer table or email me at aiolander@gmail.com. ~ **Amy Olander**

INTERVIEW WITH THE DRAGON (Volunteers needed for the Halloween and Psychic Faire – October 14, 11am – 6pm and October Pumpkin Patch, October 8 – October 31)

On top of our enchanted UUFH castle our Beacon reporter sat down for her interview with our local celebrity. “So Miss Dragon, I understand that you as the UUFH Faire Weather Dragon have a lot to say and...” The dragon jumped in. “Yes, I am decrying the unnecessary violence of the dragons of today! I think that DrogonTargaryon used much too much fire and fury while burning the Lannister loot train and I...” “Excuse me, that’s not what I was going to ask you about,” interrupted the reporter. “I was going to ask you about the Halloween and Psychic Faire we’re having on October 14 and the Pumpkin Patch starting October 8 and running through Halloween.” “Yea, what about it?” said the dragon. “Ahh, what can you tell us about it, Miss Dragon?” stammered the reporter. “You can call me Felicity.” “Okay, thank you,” replied the reporter somewhat confused, “but what about the Faire?” Just then there was a cool breeze, the curtains moved and the chandelier swayed and giggles broke out from nowhere in particular. “What are you bothering with her for?” a disembodied voice asked. “She’s not running it, we are!” The reporter realized that this was a ghost! “Well, you can ask Amy Olander, Sue McGovern and Chris McDonald too. They’re helping us out....a little. But there’s still a lot to do! Talk to them after the Services on Sunday or visit their table in the Social Hall or you can call Chris at 631-425-0291.

We really need volunteers for a lot of jobs!” “Oh, what kinds of jobs?” Asked the reporter, beginning to recover her nerve, she wasn’t used to ghosts, you see. “Well, we need folks to sell pumpkins throughout the month at the Pumpkin Patch. We need lots of actors and helpers on October 14 in the Children’s haunted house. We also need helpers to set up and clean up, assist with parking, sell tickets, paint faces, assist the entertainers, vendors and psychics and help with the pumpkin painting, UUFH table and refreshments. There are all kinds of jobs in 2 – 3 hour shifts from 11 am to 6 pm on October 14. That way volunteers can enjoy some of the festivities as well. Remember though we’re inviting the public in, and unfortunately we need you mortals to help since the people usually scream and run away when they see us! So please, sign up after the Service. The Fellowship needs all the money from the Faire and Pumpkin Patch. We’re not asking members for money, but we really do need everyone to help out if it’s going to be a success. There are jobs for families and young adults and teens as well. Lots of them.” Another ghost came in unseen, halfway through this speech and said, “If you don’t we’ll come and haunt your dreams!” The reporter nearly jumped out of her socks! “See what I have to put up with!” added the dragon. “All night long they’re at it, planning this Faire. We dragons need a lot of sleep you know.” The reporter, trying to be topical, and recover her nerve, added, “Well at least we haven’t come to Fire and Ice.” The dragon added, “Well not yet..... but October is coming!” And then there was a flash and a clap of thunder! Our Beacon reporter jumped off the turret as fast as her legs could carry her. “Hey, where are you going?” asked Felicity. “Come back! This is going to be more fun than you’ve ever had! And your kids will remember it for the rest of their lives!” The reporter slowly poked her head back in. “Well it sounds like fun, I have to admit, and I get to hang out with my family and friends and help the Fellowship as well, having a great time while making money for us all.” ~ **Chris McDonald**

4TH KEEP PLUGGIN VIDEO GAME EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

The UUFH is holding the fourth Keep Pluggin Video Game Event on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 am to 6 pm. Retro games from throughout the medium’s history will be set up around the building for people to play all day. In the past we’ve also featured arcade machines and virtual reality. Vendors will be at the show and create a good microcosm of the hobby for selling and trading between collectors and enthusiasts.

This event is great for all ages and should help bring families and younger people into the Fellowship, spreading interest and

awareness of our community along with their favorite past-time. Everyone always has a great time.

Tickets are only \$7 online on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keep-pluggin-video-game-event-tickets-36759643082>.

Food and refreshments will be for sale during the show. It is a fun day filled with tournaments, gaming and like-minded good people.

Hours for the show are 10 am to 6 pm. Dealers set up at 7am and we need volunteers to help break down at 7:30pm. We also need general helpers the day of and for food and the day before to set up. Other volunteers could give out flyers in town or help move TVs one day to the Fellowship. Find out more about the event at keeppluggin.com/keep-pluggin-events/. Contact me at 631-335-1505 or ben@keeppluggin.com. ~ **Ben Farrell**



SAVE THE DATE: 2017 SERVICES AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 18

The Services Auction is our major annual fundraiser, as well as the social event of the year, featuring dinner, entertainment, raffles, and the auction itself. Throughout the evening you can bid on parties, excursions, services, food, and even your own parking space or sermon topic. This fall event has been a staple of our congregation for 39 years!

This year's event is on **Saturday, Nov. 18**. *Want to join us? Look for more details in the coming weeks about how to sign up for dinner and your bidding number.* Dinner starts at 6 pm and the auction kicks off at 7:30 pm.

Meanwhile, in order to have interesting options to auction, we'll need your promissory notes, which will be available soon. These are the forms to fill in what you'd like to offer. Start thinking about that now. How about offering a kayak trip? A triple chocolate cake? A mystery dinner party? Handyperson help? Instructions will be on the forms, but you can always ask us for advice on offering ideas.

We're also asking anyone with photos of the 2016-17 auction events/parties, to please email them to me for our slide show. The one shown here is the "Color-full Dinner Party" in April offered by me and Steve.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact me at lizaburby@verizon.net or 631-549-4483. ~ **Liza Burby**

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