



Westminster Chimes

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Preschool through 8th Grade

**Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. unless
otherwise noted**

JUNE 6: *

The Climate Project Paul Beaudette

Rev. Barbara heard Paul Beaudette speak at the rally to reduce carbon emissions to 350ppm this past Fall. He currently teaches The Climate Project to community groups throughout New England.

*Annual Meeting to Follow the Service

JUNE 13 10AM

RE Sunday

Renee Pierre DRE & RE Committee

Please join us for wonderful music by the Junior Choir and a few of our students, as well as RE's tribute to Rev. Barbara at this service!

JUNE 20TH 10AM

“CHANGED FOR GOOD...”

The Reverend Barbara G. Fast

It will be our first service in our temporary sanctuary and the last service at which Reverend Barbara presides. All are welcome. Reception to follow.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Westminster Friends,

We are rounding the corner on another church year, but not before going out with a big bang. Please spend a few minutes reviewing Cele Mark's calendar of events for moving and find where your energies might fit in. There is plenty of schlepping to be done as well as some painting of offices before we move in. Connect with Cele about the details.

While I don't generally talk a lot about finances in my column, I would remind each of you that as we approach the summer months, our expenses and payrolls still need to be met. Your timely pledge payments would be greatly appreciated so we can maintain a healthy balance in our checkbook. So, too, building expenses will be coming in as we move further towards construction – your commitment to making those timely payments keeps our Capital Campaign account strong. Thank you for doing your part.

Sometime this summer, the congregation will be called to a meeting to vote on a contractor for the construction of our new Parish House. The vast majority of our parishioners use email to receive their Chimes and other church notices. We will send out announcements by email, followed by phone calls for those of you who do not use computers – according to our new church database, that represents about 26 people who will receive phone calls. Be on the lookout. This meeting and vote will be an important one – we want you there, so be on the lookout for details. See you at the annual meeting!

Faithfully,
Jan Searles,
President, Board of Trustee

Dear Friends,

June 1, 2010

What a difference one month makes. It is June! The day is hot and sunny. A month ago, when we did not know where we were moving to and we did not know when we would move and we did not know if we could build and we did not know who the Interim Minister would be, the days were cold and rainy. Now we know: We are moving 10 minutes away to St. Matthias, Route 3, 1.9 miles from I-95 on June 18th. You know that your Interim Minister is the gifted Trisha Brennan. We know that just last week, the EG Zoning Board approved our application to build. Thanks to all who came to support the application. What was especially wonderful is the support from our neighbors! You are truly blessed.

Each Sunday is taking on a precious quality for me. Truth is that every Sunday is precious to me because every worship service is something *alive* which we create together. When we gather, we *create* a worship that is alive with our spirits and with something greater than the sum of each of us. There is a spirit that comes alive when we gather: The Spirit of life and of love. Let's call it the Spirit of Westminster.

The spirit filling this past Sunday was full, beautiful and true. I named our prelude the "Complaint Choir" because it was composed by Ginny Eastman from complaints, suggestions, hopes and fears, that you provided, during the days when we "did not know". Our hope was to gather those concerns into the light of day and with the lift of melody, join them to the whole of our shared life, to blend them into the life we share, which is not, and never will be, perfect. That prelude was offered in the spirit of transparency, in the spirit of seeking truth in love, especially in all its uncertainty. In the Spirit that is Westminster. The rest of the service then took flight. Thank you to Naomi Schick, and to Caraline and Mary Ann Connor. Thank you to all who came and shared and sang. Life is not about perfection. Life is merely and wonderfully and awe fully *alive*.

This has been one of the most beautiful Memorial Day weekends that I can remember. I spent my time with Jonathan, you and with our friends. The weekend ended with the arrival of our older son, Ben, visiting from LA, joining us for his brother's graduation from college, which is next weekend so you know why I will not be able to be part of this Annual Meeting.

Let me offer my thanks to those on this Board who are leaving. Thank you, Joe Souza and Amy Abel for your steadfast, thoughtful, and dedicated service on behalf of this community. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Jan Searles as she leaves her presidency here at Westminster. Jan's leadership has been instrumental in guiding us to this place. Her many skills and gifts were exactly the ones you needed for this time in the life of this Congregation. I have been blessed to serve with her and share this ministry with her and all those on the Board. I am certain your new leader's many skills and gifts will continue to bless Westminster's future life.

In the month to come we will enjoy our Sundays. We will say our good bye to this Fellowship Hall on the 13th and on the 20th we will say hello to St. Matthias, "Westminster West" as it is being referred to. We will bless it. You will continue to bless it with your spirit of life and love, the spirit of Westminster is within you wherever you travel. It is within me.

I close with the words of James Taylor, that we sang to the Wysor family to close last Sunday's service:

Shower the people you love with love, show them the ways that you care. Things are going to be just fine...

In good faith and with love,
Reverend Barbara



Religious Education Program

Renee Pierre
Director of Religious Education

Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays
10-2 and by appointment

UPCOMING RE CALENDAR:

June 5th: Saturday Packing Party 1-4 pm

June 6th: 10 am RE Classes begin in

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Senior Youth Group

Meeting

June 13: 10 am RE Celebration Service

followed by RE Sunday Sundaes!

SAVE THE DATE! RE Sunday will be at 10 am on Sunday June 13th. Everyone is invited to this service of celebration and gratitude. Please join us for wonderful music by the Junior Choir and a few of our students, as well as RE's tribute to Rev. Barbara at this service!

Sharing Locker

Item for June

Cat Food

Wet & Dry

HOUSE FOR RENT

2 bedroom, 2 bath house located in Center Sandwich, NH available weeks of July 3, 10 or 17. Short walk to pristine Bearcamp Pond. Call Nancy if interested for more details.

LOBSTER ROLL REPORT



The Lobster Roll Day was a great success! Through all the excitement, after all was said and done, we have a total of \$3,259.01 with more to come. Sales were down a bit from previous years, so I think we did okay. I can't possibly name everyone who helped make this event happen. **MANY THANKS** and **MANY HUGS** to **EVERYONE!!!**

Pam Bazar

FAREWELL/THANK -YOU RECEPTION BRUNCH

to honor of our beloved

THE REVEREND BARBARA FAST

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010,

ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH

COVENTRY, RI

from 11am-12:30pm,

Please **RSVP to Pam Bazar** if you are available for Set-up or Clean-up. To share what "table ready" brunch item you would like to bring (finger foods: sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, dessert items; pre-cooked egg dishes; "breakfast bread" items)

Please **RSVP to Maureen Souza** from June 6 – June 19. Please **RSVP to the Church Office** at 884-5933 or at westminsteruu@verizon.net from May 27-June 5 regarding the brunch item you would like to bring. Thank you!

CHANGE TO JUNE CHARITY OF THE MONTH – UNITARIAN CHURCH OF BARNSTABLE

Westminster shares unrestricted cash placed in our collection basket 50/50 with a different charity each month. With approval from our minister and Board of Trustees, the Share the Plate Committee has selected *the Unitarian Church of Barnstable* for the month of June.

The following message was received in e-mail from Rev. Paul Sprecher, BCD President, and Rev. Bill Zelazny, BCD District Executive:

On May 19 the Unitarian Church of Barnstable suffered a fire that extensively damaged the minister's office and nursery room. Fortunately, the fire department arrived within a few minutes of the fire being reported and prevented its spread to the parish hall and sanctuary. However, Rev. Kristen Harper's office had major damage. She lost all of her books, office furnishings and other items from fire, smoke and water. The nursery room experienced heavy smoke and water damage that destroyed furniture and play toys. The building was insured, but as with all such disasters, there are always expenses that need to be paid before the insurance money comes in and damage that may not be covered.

Westminster, along with other BCD congregations, was asked if we could take special collections or designate the Barnstable church as the June Share the Plate charity. After speaking with Nancy Rieser, Sharing Locker chairperson, the Share the Plate committee, with the approval of the Board President, has decided to make the Unitarian Church of Barnstable our June Share the Plate charity.

The BCD has asked that each church send a single check to the Ballou Channing District with "Barnstable Fund" on the memo line. All undesignated funds received in the collections for the month of June will be split 50/50 between Westminster and the BCD Barnstable Fund. If you wish to make a donation directly to the charity, please make the checks payable to Westminster Unitarian and write "Barnstable Fund" in the memo line.

For July, the Sharing Locker will be the Share the Plate charity. Please see the next Chimes for an update.

For questions about Sharing the Plate, please contact a member of the Committee: Kristen Morelli, Bill Stone, Celia Humphreys or Nathan DeSisto. To make a charitable organization suggestion, please fill out a Nomination Form located in our mailbox, and available on our website.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ALL WOMEN WELCOME

We meet every Thursday evening.

Setup/Meeting: 7:00 to 7:15 PM
Announcements: 7:15 to 7:30PM
Program: 7:30 to 8:45 PM
Place: Fellowship Hall

Our Mission/Statement of Purpose is to enhance and encourage:

* Spirituality * Support of each other

June 3 London Bash: A trip of a lifetime slide show at Charlann's house at 7:15 with English Tea and Biscuits

June 10 **Rev. Dr. Thandeka Unitarian Universalist Theology of Personal Experience from UU *What Moves Us* Curriculum [Nancy/Paola]

June 17 Croning Ceremony for Rev. Barbara

June 24 Summer Solstice Potluck at Charlann's house at 6:30 [Charlann/Sue Ross]

July 1 Potluck/Planning [at Westminster West] 6:30WOW 2010 Schedule

BUY A PIECE OF THE PARISH HOUSE

Are you interested in purchasing a piece of the existing Parish House? If so, **here's what to do before June 19th:**

Complete the Request To Purchase log (located on the desk in front of Judy's office) with your name, the description of the item you would like to buy (be specific), the amount you will pay for the item, and sign that you understand you must pay for and have the item removed between June 19th and June 25th.

Here are just some of the items that have been identified as of possible interest to the Congregation. Most of the house fittings, except the main stairway and the chandelier in the Woodbury room, ARE available for purchase.

- Lead Glass windows
- Interior and Exterior doors
- Antique Safe in Basement
- French doors into the Woodbury Room
- Stainless steel kitchen sink (deep, double)
- Ceiling fans
- Kitchen cabinet doors
- Ceiling in Fellowship Hall
- Mantelpiece in Woodbury Room
- Doorknobs with plates, various – some wood, porcelain and glass
- Candelabras
- Old clock in Accounting Room
- Brass handles on drawers of cabinets 3rd floor closet and 2nd floor classroom closet
- Clawfoot bathtub (3rd floor)

Any questions: Abby or Cele

TRAVEL TO INDIA

Like Water for Spices: A Unitarian Journey to South India, from the Bay of Bengal to the Arabian Sea, March 11 - 17, 2011. Experience fabulous temples, meditate in captivating locations, attend a Sunday service at the Unitarian Christian Church in Chennai, visit an ashram in Pondicherry, cruise the backwaters of Kerala, learn about Tanjore painting, enjoy a Kerala cooking demonstration, and watch a Kathakali Dance presentation. Led by Rev. Wayne Walder. See all details at www.nuuc.ca/Journeys/india2011.htm

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THE MOVE TO WESTMINSTER “WEST” OR WUC AT COVENTRY (“WUCC”) OR TCFKASM (THE CHURCH FORMERLY KNOWN AS ST. MATTHIAS) OR

Timeline:

A “provisional” schedule for moving out of the current Parish House and over to our temporary home in Coventry has been put together. If this schedule creates conflicts for your group, or you have questions about the move please contact Cele Mark as soon as possible and I’m sure we can work out accommodations.

Wed., June 2 nd	Chimes article will list fixtures in Parish House available to Congregation for purchase
Saturday, June 12 th	All Furnishings moved out of Parish House (except coffee setup)
Sunday, June 13 th	Box up the hymnals; Pack up Sanctuary items to move
Monday, June 14 th	<u>Deadline</u> to have all <u>bulletin boards empty</u> ; move nursery to Coventry
June 13 th – 19 th	Move boxes, smaller items to Coventry; move storage items to Sanctuary
June 13 th – 19 th	Set up Nursery, Sanctuary, Coffee service at Coventry
June 13 th – 19 th	Pack/Move Office; Minister’s Office;
June 18 th	Phones switched to Coventry (Verizon)
June 20 th – July 1	Unpack/Set up Coventry; move garden furniture; move S (???)
June 22 (about)	Walk through bidding for fixtures in Parish House (by auctioneer)
July 1 st	Ready for Demolition (but look to Building Committee for actual demo date)

Helpers Needed As Follows:

Saturday, June 12th All Day. **Drivers with trucks/vans** to move the large items. Adults and older teens with Strong Backs needed to move furniture into/out of trucks. Please let Abby or Cele know if you have a truck or can do some of the heavy lifting)

June 13 – 19th When Volunteers are Available: Drivers with trucks, adults and older teens to move boxes and smaller furnishings to Coventry. To be scheduled based on availability of trucks/drivers. Please let Abby or Cele know if you have a truck or can do some of the heavy lifting)

Silent Auction of Parish House fixtures:

We are considering using an Auction house recommended to us to sell remaining fixtures in the Parish House after it is empty. A list of items that might be of interest (although a bid could be placed on anything as far as we know) will be published in the next Chimes. Items will include things like the door handles with plates, mantles, wood moldings, some sconces, claw foot tub, stainless steel sink etc. Whoever bids will be responsible for dismantling and removing the items.

Needed – “Foster Parents” for Plants in Construction Zone:

The plants in the women's garden and the men's garden (those on either side of the eastern end of the driveway), and those plants around the perimeter and directly adjacent to the Parish House can be dug up and transplanted to “foster homes” for the duration of the construction, with the intent that they can be returned for replanting at the direction of the Building Committee when the area is ready for landscaping. Alternatively, the “foster parent” could donate a new, similar plant to replace the one taken from the construction zone. See Ginny Eastman with any questions about the transplanting operation.

WESTMINSTER CALENDAR

6/3 7:00 PM WOW (FH)
6/6 10:00 AM Worship
6/6 10:00 AM RE
6/6 11:30 AM Annual Meeting(FH)
6/6 6:30 PM Youth Group (FH)(W)(K)
6/8 6:30 PM Yoga (FH)
6/8 7:00 PM Board of trustees (H)
6/9 5:30 Pm Worship Committee (W)
6/9 6:00 PM Buddhist Meditation (FH)
6/9 6:15 PM Jr. Choir (CH)
6/9 7:15 PM Choir (CH)
6/10 7:00 PM Building Committee (H)
6/10 7:00 PM Men's Group (W)
6/10 7:00 PM WOW (FH)
6/13 10:00 AM Worship
6/15 6:30 PM Yoga (FH)
6/15 7:00 PM COM (W)
6/16 6:00 PM Shawl Ministry(W)
6/16 6:15 PM Jr. Choir (CH)
6/19 7:15 PM Choir (CH)

The Caring Circle is Here to Help You

If you have experienced a setback that has left you or a family member ill, or in need of meals, visits, rides or other help, please contact Nancy Rieser or Rev. Barbara Fast (phone 401-884-3561).

CHIMES DEADLINES

Please Note no change from regular!!



DEADLINE: June 10th

MAILING: June 16th

WESTMINSTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Westminster Unitarian Church welcomes all individuals without regard to race, color, physical challenge, sexual orientation, age, or national origin.

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Office Hours: 9AM to 1 PM Monday - Friday

WESTMINSTER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

June 6

Ushers: 10:00 AM Renee Bucklin

Flowers: Natalie Aubin & Steve Conlon

June 13

Ushers: 10:00 AM Mary Paolina & Carolyn Brown

Flowers: **Volunteer needed**

To volunteer, write your name on the schedule in Fellowship Hall, or contact Judy Brown, the Office Administrator.

If you prefer to have the Chimes e-mailed to you, please contact Judy Brown in the Church office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.