



# Westminster Chimes

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Preschool through 8th Grade

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

**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

### “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.

**JUNE 27**

### The Simple Life

**Molly Thoman** shares her insights on conserving resources in the home through the many unique, fun and nothing-ever-wasted methods she and her family have used over the years.

**JULY 4**

### Rosie’s Story Time

**Rosie Pavlow**, talented story teller, honors us this time with “The Noodlehead Stories”, amusing stories compiled from around the world, and the entertaining “New England Bean Pot Stories”, both written by M A Jagendorf

**JULY 11**

### Hawaii Past, Present and Future

Our Hawaiian parishioner, **Ellen Belconis**, back home for summer, guides us through the melting pot of Hawaii’s spiritual, economic and political history and future.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

As I write my last Chimes article as President, I am reminded of how the vagaries of life seem to work out just fine. My leave-taking as President is at just the time when my elderly mother in Maine needs me most – I will be leaving Sunday to help her navigate the healthcare system and make some long-term decisions. I will be thinking of you.



These past four years have been a complete delight – the work exhilarating, humbling, joy-filled. Thank you for having faith in my abilities and for supporting the work of the church with your constancy and love. There is nothing this church can’t accomplish once we have set our minds to it. I am continually amazed!

As the church moves fully into rebuilding and relocating, this is the perfect time for new leadership, bringing with it renewed energy, new ideas and different skills. I could not feel more confident in the good-natured and skillful leadership that Abby Addington-May will bring to the Board and Westminster. We are very lucky to have such talent in our midst – someone who also, joyfully, looks forward to the challenges and excitement of a church on the move.

Westminster is poised for greatness – show up, stick together, support each other, dream big and work hard. It is all good!!

Love,  
Jan Searles  
(Former) President, Board of Trustees

Dear Friends,

June 14, 2010

We are moving this week. Boxes are stacked up. Classrooms are emptied. Sunday we open the doors of Westminster West for worship.

In order to be able to say a good goodbye as a community this past Sunday we “laid hands” on our Parish House. We did this by placing a hand on the walls and outlining it in colored marker, and then leaving a message within the “handprint”. We did this to express our gladness for all the building has provided for our lives. Of course the Parish House is inanimate. We know this. We did it for ourselves, for our spirits. To do us good.

Now we see our handprints on the walls of Fellowship Hall, in the corridors and up in the classrooms of our emptying Parish House. Our handprints contain blessings of appreciation and farewell. They are in all rainbow colors. They express our gratitude to those who built this house, and all the years it has provided the space for us get to know each other in fellowship, in business meetings and for religious education.

Molly Thoman, since she has been here the longest, went first. I was particularly glad that we could do this on the Sunday of our Religious Education celebration, so that our children, youth and teachers could write their goodbyes to “their” classrooms; could leave their messages of thanks and farewell.

What is also wonderful is that these colorful handprints will help us, help our spirits, as we empty the building. *Thank you, thank you, thank you!* Those were the words that I put within my handprint on the wall of Fellowship Hall. It was my small gesture of appreciation for the bountiful blessings that the space of that building has bestowed upon me in these past four year I have shared with you.

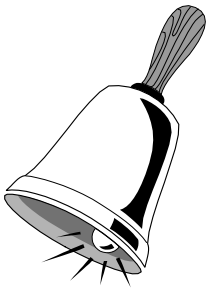
Our hand prints over the walls are an artful expression of a spiritual truth: our hand prints are on everything here- from hymnals to hearts. Now we see them grace the walls to remind us that, though we move away and build anew, our memories are imprinted within.

We also celebrated our Religious Education program! We celebrated our children and families, our teachers and RE Committee. The service was filled with the spirit of Westminster. Thank you Children’s Choir & Lauren Kalian. Thank you for keeping faith with the process. Thank you Renee Pierre for this wonderful shared ministry we have built together. Thank you for that beautiful scarf with your rainbow handprints upon it.

Of course, I know that this coming Sunday is the final Sunday that I will lead you in Worship. Goodbye is a process. I am glad and I am sad. There have been days when I have been surprised by the depth of my sense of appreciation, admiration and loss. I am so glad to bring us to Westminster West. This is not my final letter. I am available for pastoral emergencies as is our wonderful Caring Circle. The office will be on summer hours starting next week. I hope I see you Sunday!

In good faith and with love,

**Reverend Barbara**



## **Religious Education Program**

Renee Pierre  
Director of Religious Education

Greetings Families and Friends ~

What a wonderful church school year we have had. This felt like the year where kids really made connections with one another and with many of the adults in our congregation. We have several new families and offered our first ever elementary age OWL (Our Whole Lives) class. Our Senior Youth Group is growing and continues to have caring and supportive advisors and the Junior Choir had a terrific year of camaraderie and fun with Lauren Kalian.

Next year I look forward to communicating with families more online with our new database, offering two parenting workshops, and hopefully welcoming many new families while we take up residence at Westminster West in Coventry. We will have a very visible location and an opportunity to UUvangelize...letting others know what we know already...that Unitarian Universalism is truly a church of open minds, helping hands and oh so many loving hearts!

Have a wonderful summer, don't forget to gather water from your summer fun for our Water Communion Service in September, and take time to be with family and friends as much as possible!

With Love,  
*Renee*

**RE for June 20th:** Intergenerational Service at Westminster West at 10 am; No RE classes; Nursery Care available.

**Summer RE:** There will be no Summer RE Program this year at Westminster West. We are grateful for Natalie Aubin, who has coordinated this program in the past, but is unable to take this task on again this year due to her summer schedule. If anyone is interested in coordinating a summer program, please contact Renee as soon as possible.

**RE Office:** My last day at church is Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>. I am available by email over the summer if anyone has any questions, but I will not return to the office until Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Sharing Locker**

Item for June

**Cat Food**

**Wet & Dry**

### **KEYS**

If you have a key to the Office or Parish House, please return it to Judy in the office by June 21. If you have a key to the Shed or Sanctuary or any other key, please take a moment to sign the KEY SIGN OUT PACKET in the office so that we can keep track of who has keys. Keys for Westminster West will be available upon request and must be signed for by the person receiving the key.

Cele Mark  
Property Coordinator

### **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.

### **WATERCOLOR PAINTING SERIES**

**Paola Mangiacapra's** watercolor painting series entitled "South County Treasures" will be hanging in a show at the Lightworks Yoga Studio, River's Edge Plaza, 440 Main St., Wakefield during the month of July. The opening is during **Ladies' Night** on **July 8<sup>th</sup>** from 5-8PM. Refreshments will be served. Additional viewing is available on **Friday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6-9PM.

## **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.

### **FAREWELL/THANK -YOU RECEPTION BRUNCH**

to honor our beloved

*THE REVEREND BARBARA FAST*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010**

**WESTMINSTER WEST  
(St. Matthias Church)  
COVENTRY, RI  
from 11am-12:30pm**

### **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 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 19<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor closet and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom closet
- Clawfoot bathtub (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

## PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

Effective immediately, please be sure you mail all your payments (pledges for annual operating budget or your Capital Campaign commitment) to our NEW COVENTRY ADDRESS:

1395 Nooseneck Hill Rd  
Coventry, RI 02816

There will be two new phone numbers:  
401-822-3400  
401-822-3401

The 401-884-5933 number will still be available. But this will involve call forwarding which costs every time a call is forwarded. Please try to use the 822-3400 or 822-3401 numbers

## MOVING CALENDAR

MON 21 9:00 Cele & Donna Schmader check Parish House for anything not taken

Office moves Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday when copy machines moved

Judy relocates during the week

WED 23 Anyone Available To Begin Cleaning Kitchens/Unpack  
Please Call Cele Mark

Sat 26 Sharing Locker Moves (Nancy Reiser)

## BE INFORMED

Make sure you keep up-to-date over the summer! Check our website weekly to see the upcoming services and social events!  
<http://www.westminsteruu.org/>

## WESTMINSTER CALENDAR

6/17 7:00 PM WOW (FH)  
6/18 10-12 AM Sharing Locker @ 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist EG  
6/18 Moving  
6/19 Moving  
6/20 10:00 AM Worship @ Westminster West  
6/20 11:00 AM Recp.\Farewell for Rev Barbara  
6/20 6:30 PM Youth Group  
6/22 6:30 PM Yoga  
6/24 7:00 PM Building Committee  
6/24 7:00 PM Men's Group  
6/24 7:00 PM WOW  
6/27 10:00 AM Summer Worship  
6/29 7:00 PM RE Committee  
7/1 7:00 PM WOW  
7/4 9:00 AM Summer Worship  
7/8 7:00 PM Building Committee  
7/8 7:00 PM WOW  
7/8 Chimes deadline  
7/11 9:00 AM Summer Worship  
7/13 7:00 PM Board of Trustees

MAILING: July 14<sup>th</sup>

## WESTMINSTER CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Church Office: 401-884-5933  
Church Office 401-822-3400 6/20/10  
Minister: Barbara Fast  
minister's study: 401-822-3401  
Religious Ed Coordinator: Renee Pierre  
Music Director: Nonetta Shatakhtsian  
Office Administrator: Judy Brown  
E-mail: [westminsteruu@verizon.net](mailto:westminsteruu@verizon.net)  
Website: [www.westminsteruu.org](http://www.westminsteruu.org)

**Office Hours:** 9AM to 1PM Monday - Friday  
**July & August: Once a week**

### 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 before 6/20/10, 401-822-3401 after 6/20/10).

## CHIMES DEADLINES

DEADLINE: July 8<sup>th</sup>



## WESTMINSTER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### June 20

Ushers: 10:00 AM Renee Bucklin

Flowers: Steve Jorgensen

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.