

WHERE LAND AND SEA MEET

Reflections on the life and lives of a religious community

by Rev. David M. Horst

Feet in the soft sand and waves washing over my toes, I found the perfect analogy for life in religious community at Surfside. Here it is: A church lives in the tidal zone where our private and public lives meet and converge like the land and the sea. Every Sunday morning we give witness to the joys and troubles of our own lives as well as our hopes and fears for the larger world. With our feet in the sand of daily life, washed by the waters of the world, we come together in religious community.

Church is unique and powerful in this way: No other institution in America enables or encourages us to reflect both on daily living and worldly matters in the same place and at the same time. With our songs, poetry, preachments, and prayers we seek insight and understanding, striving at once to change ourselves and the world at large. The recent Unitarian Universalist Association campaign expressed it well: "Nurture your spirit. Help heal the world."

During my time with you as Interim Minister, I invite you reflect with me on the ways your religious community not only strengthens and transforms your own life, but the ways it strengthens and transforms the world around you. Come stand with me at the threshold of land and sea where our inner and outer lives meet. Come sink your feet and feel the rush of the waves.

"Religious community" is simply another name for "church," but I think it makes our purpose clearer and more urgent. You and I choose to *do* religion *together*. The religious life is not a solitary endeavor. We know that the religious journey cannot be walked alone, but walking together is not always easy. We must keep our highest ideals ever before us -- even when the work of the church seems tedious, progress is made slowly, and relationships become strained.

What are the highest ideals to which you aspire? Good health? Hard work? Honesty? Fairness? Generosity? Kindness and caring? Pursuit of happiness? Peace and justice? Faith? Hope?

Within the setting of a religious community I believe *compassion* should be our highest ideal. Compassion is empathy put to work. It is not enough to *feel*, each of us must *act*. Contained within the meaning of compassion we also find mercy -- a quaint religious notion perhaps, but one we could use a lot more of today. Compassion and mercy transcend right and wrong, pointing us toward the highest ideal of all, selfless love.

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JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY
SERVICES AT
10:45 A.M.

Sunday, August 7
"Live in the Moment"
Rev. David M. Horst

Sunday, August 14
"Bring Your Spiritual
Gifts"
Rev. David M. Horst

Sunday, August 21
"Awaken to Your Faith"
Rev. David M. Horst

Sunday, August 28
"Fourth Sunday
Lay Led Service"

Children's Sunday
School Each Week



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If we nurture high ideals within our religious community, imagine the powerful message we convey to our island community and world at large! We Unitarian Universalists are not the only religious people to aspire to such ideals, but we do so in a way that is open to and affirming of many expressions of faith. Our only doctrine is the doctrine of love; our only creed, the life well lived.

I look forward to seeing you at church--and on the beach!

Thank you for the warm welcome to Nantucket. My family and I are delighted to begin our two-year "island adventure" with you. I look forward to meeting you on Sunday morning or during my open office hours on Tuesday mornings from 10 - noon and Friday afternoons from 1 - 3 in the Meeting House activities room. Or call me to arrange a time to meet.

SOUTH CHURCH PRESERVATION FUND NEWS

by Dr. Leslie Ottinger, President SCPF Board

Plans to complete the work on the auditorium during the next nine months are now in place. A proposal for new front lighting was accepted at the Board of Directors meeting in July and the various devices are soon to be installed. This is being accomplished under the direction of David Barham with input from Jack Weinhold and others.

A decision that the runners and front carpeting will be replaced has been made. Also, to leave the platform at the front as it is. Contracts to restore each of the large windows sequentially and to refinish the lectern and pew caps and paint the pew doors, utilizing Island contractors when possible, are being prepared for approval by our Board and the church Board of Trustees.

A new fundraising committee with the goal of establishing and funding the Permanent Maintenance Fund is being organized. Membership by church and other community members is invited. Please contact me if you are interested in helping us with this.

MID-YEAR REMINDER!
DON'T FORGET
TO PAY YOUR PLEDGE
FOR 2011.

FOURTH SUNDAY COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Sissy Girard, Committee Chair

The Fourth Sunday Lay Led Service Committee is pleased that Rev. David Horst has endorsed the work of this committee and would like to continue their independent efforts during his two-year term as Interim Minister. The committee has already made plans to coordinate some Fourth Sunday services with Rev. Horst's sermon series.

The committee has discussed some interesting and challenging topic possibilities for the coming months. We would like to expand the membership, so if you have an interest in joining this dynamic group, or would like to offer suggestions for themes, we welcome your involvement and participation. Please contact me at 508-257-9982.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

by Craig Spery, Board President

You're cordially invited to be a participant in "Parsonage Makeover - Nantucket Style." The building and grounds committee is calling all volunteers to help prepare the parsonage for Rev. David Horst and his family. Starting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3, we'll be scraping and sanding walls and trim for new paint, removing carpet, fixing the laundry room floor, repairing wallpaper, and making other improvements. We welcome volunteers of all types and skill levels. No experience is necessary and instruction is cheerfully provided. Just show up at the parsonage in work clothes and lend a hand. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

The mid-year financial review was held on Sunday, July 17 in Hendrix Hall. Bob Hall, clerk of the Board of Trustees, determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order. The church's operating budget was reviewed and discussed. On a positive note, the 2011 pledge campaign, chaired by David Oman, and assisted by co-chairs Trish Jarrell and Linda Spery, exceeded the expected amount. Thus far, we've recorded 77 pledge units for a total pledge amount of \$83,810, surpassing the \$77,000 amount used for the budget.

At the meeting there was elevated concern that several income areas are not likely to achieve their budget projections. Several fundraising events that were originally scheduled earlier in the year look unlikely to occur at this point. The finance committee was tasked to examine the effect of these income shortfalls and to issue a report with recommendations. Other additional fundraising activities were suggested to help defray the loss of potential income. We will also be looking for someone to head up the upcoming 2012 pledge campaign, set to kick off in September.

We welcome our new interim minister, Rev. Horst, who begins his ministry here on August 1. Joining him in his move to Nantucket are his wife Alyson Gaylord-Loy and his two children, six-year-old Darly and ten-year-old Domnica. They arrive on island July 28 and will stay temporarily mid-island before moving into the parsonage Monday, August 8. We'll also be seeking volunteers to help unload the moving truck that is arriving Monday night, August 8, in addition to the work being done on the parsonage on August 3. Please let me know at 508-228-7892 if you're able to assist.

fyi....

Rev. Horst's open office hours are on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon and Friday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Meeting House activities room. You can also call him to arrange another time to meet.

The deadline for the monthly **Weathervane** newsletter is noon on the fourth Sunday of each month (for the following month's publication date). Please e-mail newsletter items to Linda Spery, linda@sonnpr.com and put *Weathervane* on the subject line.

For an announcement for the **website**, send it to Georgen Charnes at curiositykeeper@gmail.com.

To put an announcement in the **Sunday bulletin**, please call Patti Demarest in the Church Office at 508-228-5466 by noon Thursday. **Patti's office hours** are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - noon. To **reserve space for an event**, call the Church Office.

If you know of someone who is interested in booking the beautifully restored Meeting House auditorium for a **wedding ceremony**, there are further details on the church website at www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org. Patti in the Church Office is also happy to provide information at 508-228-5466.



MUSIC NOTES

by Marcia Hempel, Music Director

Don't miss these upcoming special music events during the month of August in the newly restored sanctuary!
Bring a friend or neighbor with you.

NOONDAY CONCERT SERIES

(Noon - 12:30 p.m. • \$5 suggested donation)

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| August 4 | Junyi Fitzgibbon, piano |
| August 11 | Women's Chorus of Nantucket |
| August 18 | Meghan Trainor, singer/songwriter |
| August 25 | Andy Bullington and Cary Hazlegrove, guitar and vocals |

FRIDAY ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

(12:30 - 1 p.m. • free, featuring classical, jazz, and ragtime)

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| August 5, 12, 26 | Marcia Hempel, organ |
| August 19 | Carson Cooman, organ |

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR AUGUST CHURCH SERVICES

(Services start at 10:45 a.m.)

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| August 7 | Jessie Lambrecht, soprano, and Al Fuller, tenor |
| August 14 | Phaedra and Chloe Plank, young musicians |
| August 21 | Courtney Hardy, flutist |
| August 28 | Rene LaPierre, guest organist |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

by Sally Ure and Lizie Hagenstein, RE Co-Directors

At this time of transition, on behalf of the Religious Education Committee, we would like to give a whole-hearted thank you to Rev. Jennifer Brooks for her constant support and encouragement of our program. Jennifer brought to each meeting her enthusiasm and ideas which helped to make our program fresh and exciting for our members. Over the past eight years she has been unsurpassed in helping our church develop its programs and committees. These assets are gifts that the congregation will appreciate for many years to come. We bid her a grand farewell and wish her the very best in the City of Fountains.

We would like also take this opportunity to welcome Rev. David Horst to our church. We look forward to learning from his extensive Religious Education experience. Welcome David!

Second Congregational Meeting House Society, Unitarian Universalist Church
2011 Budget – Mid Year Review

Budget Income Less Budget Expenses	\$61,200
• Withdrawal from Sanford Trust Fund	\$10,000
• Withdrawal from Organ Fund	\$ 1,200
• Withdrawal from Reserve Fund principal	\$50,000
Total Withdrawal to Balance Annual Budget	\$61,200
Non-Recurring Special Expenses Approved With This Year's Budget	
• Parsonage Repair	\$12,000
• Transition of Ministers	\$ 3,000
• Sanctuary Gala Opening	\$ 2,000
Total Non-Recurring Special Expenses	\$22,000
Total amount to balance annual budget	\$61,200
Total amount to fund non-recurring special expenses	\$22,000
TOTAL DRAW FROM INVESTMENT PRINCIPAL	\$83,200

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

by Pete Sawyer, committee co-chair

Here is an overall look at the fundraising committee's function and how you can get involved.

The Fundraising Committee was established by the Board of Trustees in November 2010. The committee currently consists of three members. It meets at 4:15 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The committee's responsibilities are: (1) to serve as a clearinghouse for fundraising ideas to raise funds for the church (separate from the annual pledge campaign), and (2) to offer guidance and support to persons in charge of fundraising projects.

While the committee stands ready to provide support for each fundraising program or event approved by the Board, the committee looks to the individual or committee bringing forth the proposal to serve as the lead in organizing and implementation.

Approval of any fundraising programs and events to raise money on church property for worthwhile causes outside of the church (i.e. sales of children's school related causes, etc.) are the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. Any financial contributions by members and friends to church fundraisers separate from the annual pledge campaign should not be considered to be fulfillment of annual pledge commitments.

At the present time, the fundraising committee's efforts are primarily focused on the bed & breakfast program. The group also recently worked on the team for the Fourth of July raffle ticket sales.

Our 2011 bed & breakfast program has continued to bring many guests to enjoy accommodations of our members and friends while we raise funds for the church operational budget. Our ad in UU World Magazine continues to attract interest in inquiries and demand for accommodations is now greater than supply.

If you can spare a room, cottage or other accommodations for a weekend or a few weekdays this fall (especially Columbus Day weekend), please contact Bertrand Briere, who is heading up the bed & breakfast program at bbriere01@gmail.com. He will answer your questions and will work with you on scheduling. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know some other UU's from around the country and also to help support the church. Year-rounders and seasonal members and friends alike are all invited to participate by offering accommodations.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 1		Rev. David M. Horst's first day as new interim minister.
Wed., Aug. 3	8 a.m.	"Parsonage Makeover: Nantucket Style" - Roll up your sleeves and volunteer for this all-day event! (Parsonage)
	5 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee (Activities Room)
Thurs., Aug. 4	Noon	Noonday Concert Series - Junyi Fitzgibbon, piano (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
Fri., Aug. 5	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Marcia Hempel (Sanctuary)
Sun., Aug. 7	10:45 a.m.	"Live in the Moment" Sunday Service (Sanctuary)
		Rev. David M. Horst
		Where does the time go? It is said that yesterday is but a memory and tomorrow only a dream. Let's explore ways to open our hearts and minds to the fullness of the present moment. <i>This service opens a three-part worship series entitled "Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented World."</i> Rev. Horst presents ideas and inspiration for living a more mindful life in a high-stress world. Special music by soprano Jessie Lambrecht and tenor Al Fuller.
Tues., Aug. 9	5:15 p.m.	Board Meeting (Activities Room) - Open to all members of the congregation who wish to attend.
Wed., Aug. 10	6:15 p.m.	Welcoming Committee (Activities Room)
Thurs., Aug. 11	Noon	Noonday Concert Series - Women's Chorus of Nantucket (Sanctuary)
	8 p.m.	"La Forza del Opera" (Sanctuary)
	3 p.m.	Personnel Committee (Activities Room)
	4:15 p.m.	Fundraising Committee (Activities Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
	8 p.m.	"La Forza del Opera" (Sanctuary)
Fri., Aug. 12	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Marcia Hempel (Sanctuary)
Sun., Aug. 14	10:45 a.m.	"Bring Your Spiritual Gifts" Sunday Service (Sanctuary)
		Rev. David M. Horst
		Each of us has gifts of mind, body and spirit. Each of us has spiritual gifts yet to be discovered. What are your gifts and how might they be shared to nurture your spirit and improve our community and world? Special music by Phaedra and Chloe Plank, young musicians.
Thurs., Aug. 18	Noon	Noonday Concert Series - Meghan Trainor, singer/songwriter (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
Fri., Aug. 19	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Carson Cooman (Sanctuary)
Sun., Aug. 21	10:45 a.m.	"Awaken to Your Faith" Sunday Service (Sanctuary)
		Rev. David M. Horst
		It is not enough to have faith, each of us must find ways to live out our faith. Come discover the power and promise of faithful living in the liberal religious tradition. Special music by Courtney Hardy, flutist.
Tues., Aug. 23	5:15 p.m.	Board Meeting (Activities Room) - Open to all members of the congregation who wish to attend.
Wed., Aug. 24	5 p.m.	RE Committee (Activities Room)
	6:15 p.m.	Welcoming Committee (Activities Room)
Thurs., Aug. 25	Noon	Noonday Concert Series - Andy Bullington and Cary Hazlegrove, guitar and vocals (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
Fri., Aug. 26	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Marcia Hempel (Sanctuary)
Sun., Aug. 28	10:45 a.m.	"Fourth Sunday Lay Led Service"
		Special music by Rene LaPierre, guest organist.
	Noon	Deadline for September <i>Weathervane</i>

Second Congregational Meeting House Society, Unitarian Universalist Church
2011 Budget (Revised 7-25-11)

Actual Spending for Fiscal Years				FY11 Budget v Actual		
Budget Category	FY09	FYTD10	%*	Budget	Actual Year to Date	
Income						% of Annual Budget
1. Contributions (including service collections, gifts and bequests, and pledges)	\$102,514	\$75,652	48%	\$91,900	\$42,506	46%
2. Rental (including Assembly of God, Shirat, weddings, Town clock, miscellaneous rent, parsonage)	\$ 43,137	\$46,279	24%	\$56,200	\$20,800	37%
3. Fundraising (B & B, OWL, Rag-time, spaghetti dinners, Jane Congdon, 1/4 hour concerts.	\$15,590	\$11,959	7%	\$15,350	\$ 1,335	9%
4. Retail Sales (coffee, chocolate, organ CD's)	\$ 1,882	\$ 958	1%	\$ 1,220	\$ 270	22%
5. Investment (Interest & Dividends)	\$39,455	\$34,315	20%	\$48,032	\$19,274	40%
Total Income	\$202,578	\$169,163	100%	\$212,702	\$84,184	40%
Expenses						% of Annual Budget
1. Ministry	\$ 66,495	\$53,953	24%	\$78,127	\$27,373	35%
2. Music	\$ 52,759	\$50,360	21%	\$63,305	\$23,354	37%
3. Lifespan Education	\$ 24,064	\$24,181	10%	\$31,920	\$10,329	32%
4. Denominational Affairs	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	<1%	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	100%
5. Committees	\$ 0	\$ 0	0%	\$ 100	\$ 0	0%
6. Fundraising	\$15,916	\$ 588	3%	\$ 1,900	\$ 494	26%
7. Admin/Operations	\$128,004	\$72,860	39%	\$55,512	\$21,879	39%
8. Building and Grounds				\$32,588	\$23,494	72%
9. Investments	\$ 5,674	\$ 5,377	2%	\$ 6,700	\$ 4,309	64%
Total Annual Budget Expenses	\$293,912	\$208,319	100%	\$273,902	\$122,905	42%
Budget Income Less Budget Expenses				(\$61,200)	(\$38,721)	
Non-recurring special expenses				(\$22,000)		
Draw from investment principal				(\$83,200)		
Net Income	(\$91,334)	(\$39,156)				

* % Total = Average 2009 - 2010



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