

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

by Rev. Jennifer Brooks

ROADS FOR TRAVELING SOULS

"Afoot and light-hearted, I take to the open road." So Walt Whitman begins his iconic poem, "Song of the Open Road." It is a poem I have long loved; its opening phrase resonates with me every time I set off upon a new adventure.

July is my last month as Minister of Nantucket's UU congregation. My son Kevin and I soon will set off for All Souls UU Church in Kansas City, Missouri. In Whitman's words, "However sheltered this port, and however calm these waters, we must not anchor here; however welcome the hospitality that surrounds us, we are permitted to receive it but a little while." It has been a joy to serve on the Misty Isle, to know the people who make it their home, and to see the historic Meeting House restored and beautiful.

Whenever human beings travel from one place to another—when they leave behind friends and familiar places for somewhere new—they cannot help but carry with them part of the place they've left behind. Whitman suggests that we carry it all: "buildings and streets," the minds of the people we know, and "the love out of their hearts." We leave a part of ourselves behind, too. Whether it's a stray memory, a deep-seated connection, an idea from a sermon, or an unremarkable item dropped off at Take It or Leave It, something of my hopes and my love and my longing will remain here forever. I am grateful for eight years among you.

It has been bittersweet to say good-bye. Painful as it is to bid farewell to so many good and vibrant souls, it has also been heart-warming to acknowledge mutual appreciation and a shared sense of belonging to one another. I remind myself that in every new endeavor, in every step a human being takes (no matter how small), our little forays into Life are buoyed and supported by the people and experiences that have readied us for the next passage. What marks our human journey is not a change of location, but the growth we achieve along the way: compassion, courage, patience, open-mindedness, and the willingness to learn from experience. We're all on that road, and if we're persistent it leads to spiritual transformation. I seek it for myself; I wish it for you all.

And so, onward! For each of us, onward, "to that which is endless, as it was beginningless." Onward to "know the universe itself as a road—as many roads—as roads for traveling souls."

*From one traveling soul to all others: may the road rise up to meet your feet;
may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face,
wheresoever your inner compass points.*

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



Sunday, July 3

"Liberty"

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, July 10

"The Importance of
Loafing: The Philosophy
of Lin Yutang"

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, July 17

"What Are Years?"

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, July 24

"Twelve Steps to a
Compassionate Life"
Lay-Led Fourth Sunday

Sunday, July 31

"Beginning Again"

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Families Welcome!
Sunday School
for Children Each Week



WITH APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE
FOR HER EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED MINISTRY,
THE TRUSTEES OF THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
INVITE YOU TO A FAREWELL RECEPTION
FOR THE REVEREND JENNIFER BROOKS

WITH A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE REV. BROOKS
TO ALL THE CHILDREN TO ATTEND

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011
2:30 TO 4:30 P.M.
THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, 84 EGAN LANE

BECAUSE OF LIMITED PARKING, CARPOOLING IS SUGGESTED.
IN CASE OF RAIN, THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 ORANGE STREET IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM.

DIRECTIONS

DRIVE OUT OLD SOUTH ROAD FROM THE ROTARY TOWARD THE AIRPORT. ABOUT 3/4 OF THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT, PASS ON THE LEFT GOLDFINCH, THEN WITHERSPOON, AND TURN LEFT ON EGAN LANE. GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE LARGE "S" CURVE TO A STRAIGHTAWAY. THE FIRST RIGHT ON THE STRAIGHTAWAY, A SMALL PAVED ROAD LEADS TO THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF "THE GARDENS". THERE IS A SMALL SIGN ON THAT CORNER. THERE IS LIMITED PARKING. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THE NEIGHBORS WITH NO CARS BLOCKING THE ROAD FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES. A FIRE TRUCK NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO GET BY.

CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY AT THE MEETING HOUSE

The Unitarian Meeting House will once again host a community celebration on the Fourth of July highlighted by the reading aloud of the Declaration of Independence by Nantucketers of all ages. The family-friendly event will begin at 9 a.m. in the newly restored Meeting House and will conclude in time for attendees to walk to other Independence Day activities starting nearby on Main Street at 10 a.m.

Declaration of Independence readers will be Jack Weinhold (who established the Nantucket tradition of the reading), Josh Levy, Catherine Hull, Kate Ranney Sayle, Karen Murtagh, and Chuck Allard, with two of his grandsons, William and Benjamin Allard. The reading will conclude with audience members stating names of the Declaration signers from the 13 original colonies. John Merson will serve as master of ceremonies.

The event will also include singing of "America the Beautiful" and "This Land is Your Land" by the audience and the signing of a facsimile of the Declaration of Independence by anyone who wishes to do so. At the conclusion of the celebration, raffle tickets will be drawn with prizes including Red Sox tickets, Nantucket restaurant gift certificates and the opportunity to ring the Unitarian Meeting House bell to commemorate Independence Day.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the celebration and during the prior weekend on Main Street. The celebration is free to the public with donations welcomed. Our thanks to John Merson, who is coordinating the readers, and to Bob Hall, who is coordinating the raffle and logistics. Volunteers are needed to hand out flyers about the Celebration at a table on Main Street and to sell raffle tickets. Please call Bob to sign up (508-228-4223) to lend a hand.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT

by Bob Lehman, Committee Chair

Fourth of July has come, summer is in full swing, and the church is lookin' pretty spiffy inside and out. Even in its new grandiose condition, however, there are still things to keep up with and get done. At 200 plus years old, you, too, might be in need of the occasional shampoo and color touch up.

The church, however, is not the only thing on the Building and Grounds committee to do list. With Reverend Brooks' imminent departure, we must look at refurbishing the parsonage. This building is as old as the church and has seen very little of the care lavished upon its backyard behemoth.

The Building & Grounds Committee is making plans to make over the old girl for a new minister. Of course, volunteers will be sought in quantity for this endeavor, both skilled and menial. We know everyone is busy, especially this time of year. We will try to make it as much fun as grunt work can be. So when the B & G comes a-calling, please respond as best you can. We'll be there, will you?

SOUTH CHURCH PRESERVATION FUND UPDATE

by Dr. Leslie Ottinger, President SCPF Board

The completion of the decorative work in the auditorium in May nearly accomplishes the goals of Phase III of the *Campaign to Restore the Historic Unitarian Meeting House*. Work yet remaining includes refinishing the lectern and pew caps, improving the lighting, replacing the floor coverings and, perhaps, restoring the windows. Planning for this work is underway with the anticipation that it will be accomplished during the off-season of 2011-2012.

The last remaining goal for the campaign is the establishment and funding of a permanent fund for the maintenance of the building. We plan, through grants and donations, to raise \$500,000 for this purpose. Anticipating a continuation of the community support that has been such a key part of the present campaign, we hope to complete the project over the next six months.



fyi....

Selected **sermons** are available on our website, www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org or get in touch with Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 508-228-7597 or nantucketminister@comcast.net. Copies of the **Fourth Sunday sermons and readings** (including the "Forgiveness and Transformation" sermon by Rev. Betty Stapleford from the July 26 service) are also available.

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, or e-mail nantucketminister@comcast.net no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday. **Office hours** are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - noon. To **reserve space for an event**, call the Church Office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

by Craig Spery, Board President

The restored Meeting House is reopened and it looks absolutely fantastic. The Restoration Celebration was a big success with thanks going out to many people who made it happen. Special thanks to Christine Sanford for chairing the celebration and organizing the memorable event.

There was a successful live viewing of the General Assembly Sunday morning worship service on June 26 in the activities room. Advances in technology allow us to participate in Unitarian Universalist activities without having to leave the island. We plan to offer more of these events in the future. Thanks to all that attended.

Welcome back to our seasonal members and friends! We're glad to have you back on the island and hope you'll choose to get involved in the many programs and activities offered by the church while you're here. If you're looking for a way to participate, in addition to attending Sunday services, here are some opportunities to consider.

- We always have a need for people to provide **refreshments after the Sunday service**. There is a sign up sheet on the kitchen door in the activities room, select the date of your choice and write down your name. Consider teaming up with other people and make it a fun shared experience. For more information about what needs to be done, feel free to contact me at 508-228-7892.

- If you'd like to usher one or two Sundays this summer, we need you! To **serve as an usher** or to find out what this entails, contact board member David Hall at 508-257-9898.

Some important July events to attend:

- The **mid-year Congregational Meeting** is on the schedule for 12:30 p.m. after the service on **Sunday, July 17**, following a light lunch in the activities room. There will be a year-to-date review of the operating budget. Year-round and seasonal members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

- A **Farewell Reception for Jennifer** will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, July 31, as we say goodbye to Jennifer and wish her well as her ministry here draws to a close. See page two of this newsletter for more information.

Looking ahead to August, the Building and Grounds Committee will be assembling a volunteer crew to **prepare the parsonage for the arrival of the Interim Minister and his family**. We plan to repaint the interior, install new carpeting and make minor repairs starting the second week of August. Consider helping out with this project. The more participation by volunteers will make a big difference. No experience is necessary. This September we're hoping to revive the tradition of having a **church-wide picnic on Tuckernuck Island**. More information will be forthcoming as the summer progresses and we'll be seeking people to help organize this fun-filled event.

DOCENT REPORT

by Jack Reindel, Docent Coordinator

Attention all docents, active and prospective! The Second Congregational Meeting House Society Unitarian Universalist wants to thank all of you again for your service to the Church as docents last summer. Your respective places on the schedule will be honored for this year's program as well. Here is the tentative schedule for this season (July 5 through September 2).

On Monday, docents will be Mimi Jones (10 a.m. to noon) and Jack Reindel (noon to 2 p.m.). Tuesday docents are Brian Girard (10 a.m. to noon) and Jim Sutherland (noon to 2 p.m.). Volunteer docents for Wednesday are Bob Hall (10 a.m. to noon) and Les Ottinger (noon to 2 p.m.) and Thursday, Susan Robinson (10 a.m. to noon) and Susan Lancaster (noon to 2 p.m.). Scheduled for Friday are Amy Oman (10 a.m. to noon) and Maryjane Halliday (noon to 2 p.m.)

Alternates are Gretchen Anderson, Debby Merritt, Joanne Polster, Tamzin Hutchinson, David Barham, Craig Spery and Chris Lohmann. There will be lots of new good words to pass along to our visitors this year. David Barham's interesting video on the beautifully restored wall painting may be available. Marcia Hempel's attractive new Goodrich organ CD can be played and sold. And there are still t-shirts, books, cards, etc. to attract contributions and hopefully deepen interest in the future of our unique and inspirational Meeting House.

We can also encourage visitors to return to enjoy the Thursday Noonday Concert Series, as well Marcia's new free Organ Concert Series from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Fridays. In the planning stages: a tutorial and roundtable review, with Les Ottinger and Brian Pfeiffer as prospective faculty. Thanks to you all. Your questions and suggestions are most welcome. Please call me to confirm your availability for this year's program.

MUSIC NOTES

by Marcia Hempel, Music Director

THURSDAY NOONDAY CONCERT SERIES

The Thursday Noonday Concerts every Thursday at noon during July and August are half-hour concerts featuring some of the island's best performers, and young artists who are just starting out in their careers. The concerts are from noon to 12:30 p.m., and the suggested donation is only \$5.

The series will begin on **July 7** with the **Unitarian Choir's annual Noonday Concert**. This year the choir is singing songs that are up-tempo and fun, some with a calypso beat. On **July 14**, **Bob and Diane Lehman**, who appear regularly at the White Elephant, will sing jazz songs with a French theme. On **July 21**, **Robert Behrman** will play piano music by contemporary composer Philip Glass.

On **July 28**, jazz pianist **Matt Hutchinson**, who plays at the Galley Restaurant and lives in Germany during the winter, will perform. On **August 4**, **Junyi Fitzgibbon** will perform, who is still in high school and was trained as a young child in China. On **August 11**, the **Women's Chorus of Nantucket**, which I direct, will perform music by Simon and Garfunkel, Taylor Swift, and others. On **August 18**, young singer/songwriter **Meghan Trainor**, who has already acquired a reputation as a great performer, will present her original songs. Then the last concert is on **August 25**, and **Andy Bullington and Cary Hazlegrove** will perform on guitar and vocals.

FRIDAY ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

A new series this year will feature free half-hour organ concerts every Friday during July and August, beginning on July 1. Every concert will include classical organ music, as well as selections of jazz or ragtime. The concerts are free; donations accepted.

The organ is an historic instrument; an 1831 Goodrich Organ that was recently restored and improved, and is the oldest Goodrich organ still used on its original site. The organ is well-known for its historical value, and has a commendation from the Organ Historical Society. It is also well-known for the beauty of its tone. William Goodrich taught many of the finest organ builders in New England their trade, and passed on techniques that were used in the Methodist Church on Nantucket by organ builder Thomas Appleton.

I will play for concerts on **July 1, 8, 15, and 22**. **Bernadette Nadeau** (organist at St. Paul's on Nantucket) will play on **July 29**. I will play on **August 5 and 12**; **Carson Cooman** will play on **August 19**. I will finish out the series on **August 26**. Please join us!

JULY EVENTS

July 1	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Marcia Hempel (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 3	10:45 a.m.	Sunday Service “Liberty” Rev. Jennifer Brooks (Upstairs Sanctuary) The July issue of the <i>Weathervane</i> is posted on the church website on or before today in full color at www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org .
July 4	9 a.m.	Fourth of July Traditional Reading of the Declaration of Independence (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 6	5:15 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee (Activities Room)
July 7	Noon	Noontime Concert Series Begins with Unitarian Choir (Upstairs Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
July 8	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Marcia Hempel (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 8	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Shirat Ha Yam Service with Featured Speaker Jon Entine, Emmy-Winning News and Documentary Producer to Discuss His Book, “Abraham’s Children: Race, Identity and the DNA of the Chosen People” (Hendrix Hall)
July 10	10:45 a.m.	Sunday Service “The Importance of Loafing: The Philosophy of Lin Yutang” Rev. Jennifer Brooks (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 12	5:15 p.m.	Board Meeting - Open to all members of the congregation who wish to attend (Activities Room)
July 13	6:15 p.m.	Welcoming Committee (Activities Room)
July 14	Noon	Noontime Concert Featuring Bob and Diane Lehman (Upstairs Sanctuary)
	3 p.m.	Personnel Committee (Activities Room)
	4:15 p.m.	Fundraising Committee (Activities Room)
	5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice (Hendrix Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
July 15	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Marcia Hempel (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 17	10:45 a.m.	Sunday Service “What Are Years?” Rev. Jennifer Brooks (Upstairs Sanctuary)
	12:30 p.m.	Congregational Meeting (Hendrix Hall)
July 21	Noon	Noontime Concert Featuring Robert Behrman (Upstairs Sanctuary)
	5 p.m.	LRE Committee (Activities Room)
	5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice (Hendrix Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
	8 p.m.	Jane Condon Comedy Performance (Hendrix Hall)
July 22	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Marcia Hempel (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 24	10:45 a.m.	Lay Led Fourth Sunday Service “Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life” (Sanctuary)
July 25	8 p.m.	Atheneum Lecture “Fen Montaigne, Journalist and Travel Writer” (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 26	5:15 p.m.	Board Meeting - Open to all members of the congregation who wish to attend (Activities Room)
July 27	5 p.m.	LRE Committee Meeting (Activities Room)
	6:15 p.m.	Welcoming Committee (Activities Room)
July 28	Noon	Noontime Concert Series Featuring Matt Hutchinson (Upstairs Sanctuary)
	5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice (Hendrix Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Activities Room)
July 29	10 a.m.	Nantucket Preservation Trust Annual Meeting (Upstairs Sanctuary)
	12:30 p.m.	Organ Concert by Bernadette Nadeau (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 30	2:30 p.m.	U.S. Slave Song Project Spirituals Choir “Songs from the Fields, the Slaves and Religion” (Upstairs Sanctuary)
July 31	10:45 a.m.	Sunday Service “Beginning Again” Rev. Jennifer Brooks (Upstairs Sanctuary)
	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Farewell Reception in Honor of Rev. Jennifer Brooks (The Wild Flower Garden)
	Noon	Newsletter deadline for August <i>Weathervane</i>

Remarks from Minister Emeritus Ted Anderson

We usually think of time as linear, moving from one moment to the next. So is that time in which we do most of our thinking to ourselves, is that linear? I imagine it to be more like a big cloud, a boundary-less fog of time out of which we occasionally pick the memories we are going to drag into consciousness, more often take what is delivered to us. An external library of connections.

Rather like what the author of Genesis One referred to as “time” prior to the moment the Creator got around to setting the greater light and the lesser light in the heavens to separate light from darkness and measure one day to the next, one season to the next; consecutive time, spring to summer. An important part of what we call “self” has its being in that fog of what appears to be disorganized time. Eternal time. We have connections with other people, other places there, including those we have never visited and may never. Ever.

That endless, differentiated cloud of time is what William Faulkner seems to me to have had in mind when he wrote, “The past isn’t dead. It isn’t even past.” It’s there in the fog. Other wise old poets have written things very like that as well, T.S. Eliot, for instance.

Consecutive days follow one another with a flip of the calendar, that in them which belongs to eternity continues on in memory, in legend, in song and ritual, sometimes but dimly perceived by the mind’s eye, at others in sharp detail.

And so, on a sunny day at the end of May, call it by its old name, “Decoration Day,” to appreciate its venerability, we enter the fog to join a river of school children bouncing and laughing along Centre Street making their way to the church on Orange Street for an annual ritual to hear Grandpa Woods, surviving veteran of the Civil War, tell his story once again about hiding under a wagon during the battle, a terrified drummer boy who had no more business being on a battlefield than any child in his audience.

The silence that followed reliving his experience again for the first time belongs to eternity and that is where we find it. In the only place big enough to hold the spirit of everything hand in hand.

Minister Emeritus Ted Anderson delivered these remarks on Sunday, May 29 at the first Unitarian service in the newly restored Meeting House.

Dear Gatherers,

May God bless everyone of you from the Assembly of God of Nantucket. I’m taking this opportunity to say thanks for the great achievement that was made in the rebuilding of the church. I join in the happiness for each one that was involved in this great labor.

This is another great example that shows that if we are one together and work in the name of love, everything is possible. Lastly, I would like to thank the Unitarian Universalist church. May God keep blessing your dedication and integrity and help you in future projects

Pastor Eduardo Calle, Assembly of God of Nantucket
May 29, 2011

A Message from Shirat Ha Yam

I bring heartfelt greetings from the Shirat Ha Yam Board of Trustees and the entire congregation on this remarkable occasion.

I would like to tell a brief story. Twenty-eight years ago a small group of Nantucket Jews had the vision that there should be a permanent Jewish presence on Nantucket; one that would hold regular services, prepare children for Bar and Bat Mitzvah and participate in charitable community causes. Why not? Jews had been living here since at the least the 1920’s. The small group that had this idea 28 years ago blossomed into Congregation Shirat Ha Yam, which in Hebrew means “Song of the Sea.”

As the Congregation grew, we started to outgrow the assortment of locations we had been using and we searched for a more stable and permanent location for our Congregation. Almost two decades ago, we were lucky to find a welcoming home at the Unitarian Meeting House and we have been here ever since. We are no longer Nantucket wandering Jews. Without this welcoming home, it would not have been possible to grow to the over 200 member families we have today.

While we hold most of our services in Hendrix Hall downstairs, we move here, upstairs, to hold our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services--the two most holiest holidays in the Jewish religion. We were as saddened as you were, about the deterioration of this beautiful sanctuary. So when the South Church Preservation Fund was reactivated five years ago, we became more than willing participants and played our part. It was only natural because we truly feel that this is our home and that we have as much of a responsibility to improve it as you do. The result of our collective efforts is this beautiful restoration.

We look forward to a long and rewarding bond with all of you and this wonderful historic building. I can assure you that the Congregation will be even more uplifted this year when we hold our High Holiday services in this renewed sanctuary.

These remarks were delivered by Congregation Shirat Ha Yam President Larry Levine on Sunday, May 29 at the first Unitarian service in the newly restored Meeting House.



Second Congregational Meeting House Society
11 Orange St. ~ P.O. Box 1023
Nantucket, MA 02554

NON PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
PAID
NANTUCKET, MA
02554
PERMIT NO. 5

Second Congregational Meeting House Society Unitarian Universalist

11 Orange St. ~ P.O. Box 1023
Nantucket, MA 02554
(508) 228-5466 (Office)
www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org
uuchurchnantucket@verizon.net

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Minister / **Rev. Edward B. Anderson**, Minister Emeritus
Marcia Hempel, Music Director and Organist - 508-228-3802
Lizie Hagenstein & Sally Ure, Lifespan Education Co-Directors - 508-228-0188
Craig Spery, President, Board of Trustees - 508-228-7892
Sissy Girard, Vice President, Board of Trustees - 508-257-9982
Jack Weinhold, Treasurer - 508-228-5242
Patti Demarest, Office Administrator - 508-228-5466
Mimi Jones & Dennis Santangelo, Sextons

Board of Trustees: Craig Spery (President) Sissy Girard (Vice-President) Bob Hall (Clerk)
Jack Weinhold (Treasurer) Bertrand I. Briere III, Larry Miller, David Hall, Joan Ottinger, Christine Sanford