

# BELL STREET COLUMNS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF BELL STREET CHAPEL



## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 10 AM

TODDLER CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AVAILABLE

### 6 | NOVEMBER

#### INVISIBLE PRIVILEGE

*Rev. CJ McGregor*

Let us consider our privilege of hearth and home that most of us enjoy this time of year.

### 13 | NOVEMBER

#### BECAUSE IT'S SUNDAY

*Rev. CJ McGregor*

Gathering each Sunday is a spiritual practice that Unitarian Universalists can claim. The hymn "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door" tells us that our "walls keep hate out and hold love in." Our Chapel offers us sanctuary that is hard to find in our modern lives.

### 16 | NOVEMBER - 7:30 P.M.

#### VESPERS

*Rev. CJ McGregor and Raymond Perreault*

Join us for an intimate service in the gentle evening light of our beautiful sanctuary. Prepare to go deeper in reflection, meditation and listening to that still and small voice within each of us.

### 20 | NOVEMBER

#### INTERGENERATIONAL THANKSGIVING

*Rev. CJ McGregor*

We celebrate gratitude and hospitality as a community with story, song, reflection, and our traditional cornbread and cider communion.

### 27 | NOVEMBER

#### THE BIBLE?

*Raymond Perreault*

Theodore Parker spoke about the Permanent and the Transient in Christianity. What wisdom does the Bible still hold for Unitarians over a 170 years later?

## FROM THE MINISTER

In his book "An Examined Faith," theologian James Luther Adams writes about the spatialization of the divine as idolatry. That is, if we attach or confine the divine to one single space we are risking idolatry. He reminds us "Yahweh resided in a tent, not to be confined to a particular space." I've spent time contemplating this idea over the last month, especially when I sit alone in the sanctuary of our chapel. I often sit alone in the sanctuary both during the day and at night. Its history, beauty, and its generosity in allowing me to call on and witness the presence of my God are astounding. I imagine the people who have sat in the pews, the people who have graced the pulpit. I touch the wood hoping to pass my hand over the spots where our religious ancestors may have touched and I park myself in the corners of the room. Spots where they must have sat engaging in prayer, contemplation, and feeling held by the community and the divine just as I am. This space is where the divine and all that is good in the universe dwells, at least in these moments.

My willingness to recognize this in this space does not become idolatry. In that case I would believe that this space is the only space that such experiences exist. That is not so. This space, for me, and I hope for you, is where these experiences begin. We are then responsible to take these experiences from our chapel and couple them with those in the world beyond our doors. Admittedly, opportunities to find such experiences seem harder to find these days. It is work to find them but, they are there. Our chapel, its sanctuary, kitchen, classrooms, stairwells, and other rooms are starting places to encounter the spirit of life. It's important for us to pay attention to and preserve these spaces so they remain as so.

Since late summer you may have recognized some changes in how we have organized ourselves, spiffed up areas of the chapel, completed repairs, have dusted off history and brought it back into the light. You must have noticed furniture, light fixtures, photographs, and paintings that have been unearthed and placed. Rooms have been painted, drapes have been hung, cleaning, and more cleaning, has been done by many in our community. All undertaken to create starting places where we can encounter the holy among one another, sitting alone, during worship, or offering a laugh or consolation over coffee. This is holy work.

We are reclaiming our space and recreating it with the intention of calling upon and embracing that which we find sacred. This does not put us at risk of idolatry. We know the spaces we recreate offer a resting place for the holy but do not confine it. Our intention is to hold our pride, comfort, the reclaiming our history and the spirit and bring it through the doors and offer the same outside of ourselves. The physical work we are doing prepares us to do this. Our ancestors would be overjoyed. I pray that you are, too.

The hope is to offer a starting point free of the literal and figurative clutter. The changes that are occurring aren't to idolize our space; they're an effort that will nourish us and give us the ability to carry the spirit wherever we may go. May our beautiful and sturdy tent serve us well.

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## THE HELP

Any members, friends and others interested in working against racism are invited to participate in a "fishbowl" conversation about the popular book and movie "The Help," sponsored by the Messiah Baptist Church in Brocton and the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Bridgewater, Mass.

The discussion is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Messiah Baptist Church, 80 Legion Parkway, Brocton, Mass. The Rev. Michael W. Walker of Messiah Baptist Church said that many members of his congregation have parents or grandparents who worked as domestics in Easton, Mass., maybe even for some Unitarians in Easton

## FREE WEBINARS

The Central East Regional Group, a cooperative of four districts of the Unitarian Universalist Association, offers free on-demand webinar classes, and is adding new ones monthly. The webinars are set up on the Moodle learning platform and consist of videos, voice-over-slide presentations and links to related articles, books and other resources.

What is a webinar? It's like an online course...without lengthy reading and homework. It is simply a brief and interesting presentation that you can watch and listen to from your personal computer.

Current offerings:  
 Congregational Polity for the Indifferent Lay Leader - An engaging and playful overview of

congregational polity, including history, theological foundations and modern practices. Drawing the Line: Disruptive Behavior Policies and Procedures - Sometimes the idea of "freedom of belief" is misinterpreted to mean "freedom from accountability." Learn how to design and implement policies and practices to address disruptive and other behaviors that hurt our congregations.

Other titles include:

- Basic Safety Policies & Tips
- Creating Meetings That Matter
- Committees on Ministry: An Overview
- Powerful Pathways to Membership

Go to:

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Heidi Gilkenson, our office manager, works 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The office is open for parish business 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Please be mindful of this schedule if you need assistance from Heidi. She may be contacted at (401) 273-5678 or [contact@bellstreetchapel.org](mailto:contact@bellstreetchapel.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have your announcement included in the weekly e-mailed schedule of events or printed in the order of service, the information must be sent to Heidi Gilkenson at [contact@beelstreetchapel.org](mailto:contact@beelstreetchapel.org) by Wednesday evening. Please note your announcement may be edited due to limited space.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of *Bell Street Chapel Columns* is Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. Please submit your articles as a regular Word attachment (.doc, not .docx, please) to Meredyth Waterman at [MeredythW@aol.com](mailto:MeredythW@aol.com).

# OUR COMMUNITY

## PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

It's that time again- yes, time to give to our annual holiday projects! This year the Peace and Social Justice committee will be organizing two projects. As we did last year, we will be baking cookies for the holiday party at Youth Pride, an organization that supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth and one of our community partners. So, come on Bell Street bakers (you know who you are), plan to bake several batches of cookies and if we have extra, we can share with each other.

Our second project will be providing gifts for teens in Department of Children, Youth and Families custody. Often, teens get overlooked at the holidays as younger children are considered for gifts more often. So think of what a teen would like (iTunes gift cards, hoodies, books, sports gear etc.) These items will then be donated to DCYF to be distributed to teens in their care.

Please plan on having the cookies and gifts at service on Dec. 18.

## FAITH IN ACTION

~Clara Hardy, Peace and Social Justice Committee Co-chairperson

One of our Unitarian Universalist Principles is "Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations." There are many ways we can act on this principle. One of the reasons I like being a member of Bell Street is that the church offers many opportunities to put faith in action. Two ways I can give is with my time and my money. Using both my time and my money for things I value is an important way I put faith in action.

Starting the week before Thanksgiving we will be participating in the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Guest at Your Table program. The money we send in is used for many projects around the world. One reason I really like the UU Service Committee is that it finds places that need help but then instead of going in and starting a new program, they look for an existing local program and provide it with needed support.

Bell Street also offers me many chances to help out in our own community. For example we have the Crossroads lunch-making project, the contribution of winter coats, and the Christmas and Mother's Day gifts to often-forgotten people.

This UU principle also encourages me to think about my own purchases and how they impact the world. When purchasing a gift I often look for Fair Trade items or things made by local artisans. I look for Fair Trade coffee and chocolate. A challenge I enjoy is to ask myself "How can I spend my money in a way that will make the most positive impact on the world?" For a wedding shower gift I bought a lovely pair of candleholders from the Peaceable Kingdom store on Ives Street. The owners travel around the globe to buy things directly from local artisans. For family Christmas gifts I went to the Rhode Island School of Design store and bought artistically designed reusable bowl covers for everyone. I go to local craft fairs and find wonderful unique gifts sometimes even made by people from Bell Street.

I also try to be mindful of how I use my time. My granddaughters of course love to receive presents from me. But even more they like to just spend time with me, to listen while I read, to play

## BELL STREET AT OCCUPY PROVIDENCE



Bell Street members Dan Brown, Carol Wiseman, Rev. CJ McGregor, Beth Grossi and Sally Gabb represent Bell Street Chapel at the Occupy Providence rally and March on Oct. 15.

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# CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

## SERVICE AUCTION AND CONCERT

Greetings from the Events Committee. The major event for November is always our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner and service and goods auction. Last year was our best year ever and we made over \$2,000. We would like to get organized early, soliciting your ideas as to what you can donate in the way of desirable goods and services. Some popular past donations in the way of services have been: round trip transportation to the airport, train or bus station, babysitting, pet/house sitting, yard clean-up for spring and fall, garage or attic cleaning, baking offerings, lunch or dinner parties for four to eight people in your home, canoe trips, snow shoveling, donated entertainment for parties or special occasions, caretaking for Bell Street gardens, and steady supply of vegetables from your garden. We hope this list will spark your own creative juices and you can come up with many more unique and interesting ideas to add to the list.

Another way to contribute is to offer a given amount of money to hire someone in the audience to do a chore or task for you. For example, Ellen Kellner has offered \$50 for someone to mow her lawn for four hours (lunch and beverages included).

Some of the goods that have been auctioned in the past are: homemade candy, cakes, cookies, soups, and gift baskets.

We are presently soliciting a number of tickets to auction, Trinity, Gamm, Second Story, Festival Ballet, Philharmonic, and Rhode Island Chamber Series to name some. If you know someone who owns a club venue, or restaurant and would like to donate a gift certificate to be auctioned, that would be great. Also, if someone has a nice summer cottage, or time share they would like to auction for a weekend holiday, that would be great. As you can see, the possibilities are endless, and we know we can count on you to think of some unique offerings to get us to our \$2,000 goal. To make an offer of a service or some special food or gift, tell or call or e-mail either of us on the Events Committee (Ellen Kellner at (401) 949-3128 or [odiebijou@cox.net](mailto:odiebijou@cox.net), or Jasmine Appleberry at (401) 225-2044) before Nov. 13 and we will put in on the master list.

Look for the signup sheet in Eddy Hall for the Thanksgiving potluck on Nov. 6 and 13. Menu will be roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, drinks and desserts. The Events Committee will also need help setting up and cleaning up.

Also in November Community MusicWorks will be performing 90 minutes of chamber music on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 per ticket. Their administrative offices are in our neighborhood and they are providing fabulous classical music instruction to children of all economic strata in this era when so many public schools are cutting their art and music programs. Let's be good neighbors and turn out a good-sized Bell Street crowd for their first performance this season in our acoustically perfect sanctuary.

*~Ellen Kellner,  
Events Committee Chairperson*

## MEMBERSHIP

Interested in joining Bell Street Chapel, learning more about the church and Unitarian Universalism or talking about your beliefs with others? Come to our new U.U. classes! The two-class series will be held after coffee hour Nov. 6 and 13 in the Parish House, and will last about an hour and half each time. This class is a must for anyone thinking about becoming a member of Bell Street Chapel, but longtime members will also find it an interesting refresher. To sign up or for more information, please contact Membership Committee Chairperson Meredyth Waterman at [MeredythW@aol.com](mailto:MeredythW@aol.com) or (401) 451-2322 or see her at coffee hour.

The Membership and Caring Committee will also be collecting updated contact information for all church members and friends who wish to be included in our directory, which is available to church members and those listed in it. Additionally, as part of our commitment to following our church's policies and procedures on safety, we will be asking all church members and friends to fill out a photo and information release form. This form tells us which members and friends do and which don't mind having their names, images or contact info included in the newsletter or website. (So, yes, eve-

ryone should fill one out, one way or the other.) This is especially important for children, and for clarity's sake, we ask you to fill out a separate form for each family member. We will keep them on file in the office and you may update them any time. The members of the Membership Committee will be at coffee hour each week and at the service auction to pass out and collect these forms, as well as the directory updates. We would like to collect this information from everyone by Nov. 20, the date of the service auction.

And finally, we are always in need of greeters for Sunday services. Greeters pass out the orders of service, pass the basket at the collection and welcome everyone with a smile. It's a great way to meet people! To sign up, please contact Don Laliberte at [daliberte@gmail.com](mailto:daliberte@gmail.com) or see him at coffee hour.

*~Meredyth Waterman  
Membership and Caring Committee Chairperson*

# CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS



## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Hello everyone and welcome back to "This old Church!" Wow, your House Committee has kicked in to high gear in preparation for Rev. CJ McGregor's installation. Our work, for the most part, is physical. We're the folks who organize and/or accomplish improvement projects around the society's property. As a result, we happen to have greater visibility about the property than some other more important committees.

We like to take any opportunity to salute all the hard-working, selfless volunteers who make Bell Street a most welcoming experience for all.

Check out Eddy Hall, will ya? Thank you so much to Phil Smith, Richard Keelan, Jane Peet, Rev. CJ and Ray Perreault for their assistance in brightening up our most important gathering place.

The next "Extreme Makeover" is the Ready Room adjacent to the pulpit area. That room now boasts velvet curtains made by hand by Ellen Knight using original, period red velvet, gold fringe and tie-backs. Nineteenth century art and furniture from the collection of our benefactor, Mr. James Eddy, also adorn the space.

Two leaks in the chapel building have been fixed paving (pun) the way for requesting more quotes for the interior painting of the sanctuary. This is quite an expensive capital project for which we are keenly anticipating and for which we are "saving our pennies."

Rev. C.J. has made a big impact, framing, hanging and/or identifying Bell Street Chapel treasures in both buildings. Thank you to him for helping to preserve our rich history for future Bell Streeters!

Our wonderful member Beth Grossi made short work of organizing and accomplishing the Eddy Hall kitchen clean up effort. Thanks to Beth, Ellen Knight, Rev C.J., Michael Durette, Sally Gabb, Stu and Ellen Smith, Marie Smith and Peg Boyle for your hard work!

Stay tuned for more exciting interior projects happening throughout the winter months. As always, no matter where you are on your remodeling journey, you are welcome to join in the fun....and we have cookies!

~Dan Brown, House Committee Chairperson

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Exciting news! Religious Education will be starting classes for school-aged children beginning Nov. 6. We look forward to a fun-filled academic year based on our Unitarian Universalist picture book curriculum infused with our teachers' talents and students' interests. Children and adults are welcome to participate. Contact our Religious Education chairperson, Shelagh Goulis, for more information ([sgoulis@cox.net](mailto:sgoulis@cox.net)). Look for monthly updates on our classes!

## YULE CELEBRATION DEC. 21

On Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. we will be celebrating the winter solstice in Eddy Hall. The seasonal significance of the winter solstice is in the reversal of the gradual lengthening of nights and shortening of days. The interpretation of the event has varied from culture to culture, but most cultures have held a recognition of rebirth, involving festivals, gatherings, rituals or other celebrations. Please consider participating in the service. We need volunteers. We will use technology to connect to plan the service using a script Rev. CJ has developed. There will be no meetings! If you participate, we will meet at 6 p.m. the day of the service to review logistics. All are welcome.

## DEATH AND LOSS READING GROUP

The Death and Loss Reading Group will meet on Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We will be reading "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. Snacks are provided, wit and insight is encouraged. Contact Audrey Greene at [audreyjgreene@gmail.com](mailto:audreyjgreene@gmail.com) for information.

## BOARD BITS

As I write this article, I am working on the agenda for the trustees meeting to be held Oct. 17. Did you know that our Bell Street property and buildings are owned by the Bell Street Trustees? The Governing Board and the Trustees meet twice a year.

Providence businessman James Eddy, who lived in a large mansion next door (where the dog park is now), had our chapel built in 1875. When he died in 1888, he left an endowment to a Board of Trustees with instructions to maintain the grounds and building. Five people who have Unitarian Universalist connections but are not members of Bell Street serve as the trustees. Last year one of the members retired from the board and he had served for 54 years! The House Committee has been very busy working on many building and grounds related projects. We can thank James Eddy and the Trustees for the funds to complete these projects.

~Kate Gillis, President



## CIRCLE OF HOPE



Bell Street member Dan Brown was part of a small contingent of Bell Streeters who joined an estimated 3,000 protestors who surrounded the State House at the Circle of Hope rally Oct. 11 protesting \$24 million in cuts to programs for the developmentally disabled.

## GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

On Nov. 20, Bell Street will distribute the Guest at Your Table boxes and materials. The box features people that the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has worked with recently. These people are your “guests,” and you are asked to share your blessings with them by putting money in the box. As you give to your guests, you can learn about them by reading the “[Stories of Hope](#)” booklet.

The boxes will be collected on Christmas Eve and Martin Luther King Sunday. Please make checks out to Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Membership gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y.

Here is more information from <http://www.uusc.org/>: The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. We envision a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights. Through a combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes [economic rights](#), advances [environmental justice](#), defends [civil liberties](#), and preserves the rights of people in times of [humanitarian crisis](#).

~Kate Gillis, President

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a game, to make a craft, to have me listen to the story they have written or the piece they are learning on the piano, to have me watch their soccer games. Spending time with someone is a wonderful gift in itself.

How we act is a reflection on what we believe and what we value. At this time of year when we are often making lots of decisions on how to spend our time and money, join me in reflecting on how we can act to make a better world.

~Kate Gillis, President

## BEYOND BELL STREET

Occasionally I will submit a newsletter article giving you some information about my participation in community and denominational events. It's a chance for me to help you see how our ministry is reaching beyond the walls of Bell Street. It is simply information I think you'll be interested in and opportunities for you to become involved if you choose.

- In late September I participated in a *Recovery 101* workshop sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. It was designed to increase the competencies of clergy in providing pastoral care to those in recovery. It was well-attended and the networking with clergy from many faiths was a welcome opportunity.
- I participated in a workshop *Our Holy Church* offered by the Ballou Channing District in Kingston, R.I. The workshop covered the need for and the elements of innovative worship. You saw this in practice at our Oct. 30 Day of the Dead worship service.
- A relationship with the House of Hope in Cranston is beginning. I attended a workshop on *Dignity and the Homeless*. You will hear and see more of this organization over the next month as I plan to include this topic in worship.
- I met and had lunch with our district executive, Bill Zelazny. Bill is a former member of our congregation and he shared some valuable insights that inform my ministry.
- I participated in building a playground with many of the New England Patriots! The event was sponsored by the West Broadway Neighborhood Association. Networking with organizations from the neighborhood was exciting and can only strengthen our presence in the community.
- I attended a conference *The Ethics of End of Life Care*. Again a workshop designed to improve pastoral care competencies.
- I continue to attend our district Unitarian Universalist Minister Association meetings and retreats where I receive support and counsel from my colleagues in the area.
- I am surrounded by people and opportunities to enrich my ministry and form relationships with our congregation. May we all continue to reach out beyond ourselves.

Blessings,



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PH=PARISH HOUSE | S=SANTUARY | EH=EDDY HALL | MPL=MEET IN PARKING LOT | OS=OFFSITE | RE=RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ROOM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Worship (PH) 6 pm Daydream rehearsal (EH)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6 pm Order of Service deadline 6 pm Daydream rehearsal (EH)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>3 pm Big Train Farm pickup (EH) 7 pm Outside group (PH) 8 pm Daydream performance</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8 pm Daydream performance</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8 am meditation (EH) 2 pm Recital (S) 8 pm Daydream performance</p>
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS <b>6</b></p> <p>9 am Choir (S) 10 am Service (S) 11:30 am Crossroads 11:30 New UU 1 pm Irina's student concert</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6 pm Empire Review (S)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6 pm Order of Service deadline 6 pm Daydream rehearsal (EH)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>3 pm Big Train Farm pickup (EH) 8 pm Daydream performance 7 pm Membership Comm (PH)</p>	<p>VETERANS DAY <b>11</b></p> <p>8 pm Daydream performance</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8 am meditation (EH) 8 pm Daydream performance</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9 am Choir (S) 10 am Service (S) 11:30 New UU (PH) 1 pm Books/Bars 4 pm C. Music-Works concert 8 pm nwsltr dline</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6 pm Empire Review (S) 6:30 pm Governing Board (PH)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:15 pm House Committee (PH)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6 pm Order of Service deadline 6 pm Daydream rehearsal (EH)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>3 pm Big Train Farm pickup (EH) 8 pm Daydream performance 7 pm Gay Bingo (OS)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8 pm Daydream performance</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8 am meditation (EH) 8 pm Daydream performance</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9 am choir 10 am Service (S) 11 am Service Auction /potluck 1 pm Books/Bars 6 pm Trans Day of Remembrance</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>6 pm Empire Review (S)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6 pm Peace &amp; Social Justice (PH)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>3 pm Big Train Farm pickup 6 pm Order of Service deadline</p>	<p>THANKS-GIVING <b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Buy Nothing Day (OS)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8 am meditation (EH) 4 pm Drum Circle potluck (EH)</p>
<p>9 am Choir (S) <b>27</b> 9 am newsletter folding EH 10 am Service (S) 11 am Social Hour (EH) 1130 RE Comm 1 pm Books/ Bars</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>6 pm Empire Review (S)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7 pm Vespers (S)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>			

## CAROLYN MCDADE CONCERT AND CD

Carolyn McDade is the composer of the song we sing each Sunday, "Spirit of Life." She lives on Cape Cod and with groups of women has produced many CDs of music with songs related to healing our earth. On Sunday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m., at the Unitarian Church of Barnstable, 3330 Main St, Rte. 6A, Barnstable, Mass., she and the O Beautiful Gaia Singers will be performing a concert celebrating the launch of their new CD, "Widening Embrace." Bell Street Chapel President and choir member Kate Gillis will be singing with the group at this concert. See Kate if you would like to buy a CD or contact her at [ksgillis@netzero.net](mailto:ksgillis@netzero.net).

All are welcome. There will be a donation basket as well as the opportunity to buy this exquisite CD. The recording features a chorus of 110 singers, with rich instrumentation of piano, oboe, cello, violin, flute, oud, bowed tanbur, drum and guitar. Renowned pianist Janet Hood will provide keyboards for the Barnstable event.



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## ROWE CAMP

Enjoy a weekend at Rowe Camp this fall or winter. Unitarian Universalist Rowe Camp and Conference Center, located in the Berkshires in Massachusetts, has released its new fall and winter catalogue. Several copies are available in Eddy Hall or you can contact the camp directly at (413) 339-4954 or visit its website at [www.rowecenter.org](http://www.rowecenter.org).

U.U. ministers Mark Morrison-Reed, Jeremy Taylor and Doug Wilson will each be presenting a program, as well as UU troubadours Jim Scott, Nick Page and Ysaye Barnswell. Also appearing are Joanna Macy, James Howard Kunstler, Ray Moody, Kathy Bulloch and more. Topics include Writing from the Heart, Wisdom of the Celts, Thanksgiving for Single People, Our Sexual Stories, Slowing Down, Embracing Aging, Is there Life after Death? and Gospel Music.

Please explore this wonderful UU treasure, a lovely place for a mini-vacation with spiritual stimulation. You will be glad you did. See Kate Gillis or contact her at [ksgillis@netzero.net](mailto:ksgillis@netzero.net) for more information.

**"Love is the spirit of our church  
and service is its law.**

**This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another."**

