



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth Newsletter  
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## RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN JUNE

**Our Soul Matters theme for June is *Flourishing Together*.** In the words of our church neighbor, the Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper, in her piece titled “The Breath of Life Is Not Mine Alone,” she writes “I do not wish to breathe another breath if it is not shared with others...I cannot live another moment, at least not one of joy, unless you and I find our oneness somewhere among each other...”

**June 7 at 10 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom—“Together in Music”** Music Sunday will be led by Frederick Johnson and Rev. Rali Weaver; Joanne Treistman, service associate. Come join us in a celebration of music with hymns, anthems, readings, and meditations, all to affirm that in a world of differences, music brings us together and helps us understand how and why we rely on each other and how music is so important in our spiritual journey.

**June 14 at 10 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom—“Building a Healthy Fellowship”** led by Rev. Rali Weaver; service associate, Kathi Sommers. Drawing from Conrad Wright's seminal work on Congregational Polity, we will explore what makes a healthy, vital church—and what is required of us to build a healthy fellowship.

Share the Plate: Falmouth YMCA Scholarship Program.

**NOTE: The service will be followed by our *Annual Business Meeting* at 11:30 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom.**

**June 21 at 10 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom—Poetry Sunday** led by the Religious Services Committee. Look for details in the upcoming Sandwich Road Menu.

We'll celebrate with our **Second Annual Ugly Tie & Scarf Contest!** Dig deep into your closet (or your creative spirit), and wear your most gloriously hideous neckwear. There will be prizes, but mostly, there will be joy.

**This service will be shorter than usual (45 minutes) so people can drive home and watch the General Assembly Sunday worship live-streamed at 11 AM. (The login will be sent out by email.)**

**June 28 at 10 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom—“You Are Not Alone”** led by Larry Ladd; service associate, Julie DeSorgher. How free and independent are each of us really? What do our religious beliefs tell us about how free we are to act independently and how interdependent we are with others?

# Minister's Message



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Dear UU Falmouth Friends,

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” — Coretta Scott King

Truer words were never spoken.

First, I want to say that there was no more beautiful tribute to our collective ministry than the weekend of May 15th–17th. Actually, that isn't exactly true—but I will explain that in a minute. The installation was my brainchild, but I could not have pulled it off without all of you. From those who set up on Friday, ate, and danced; to those who ensured the kids' activities went off without a hitch; and those who set up the picnic lunch. The ones who made the installation service go smoothly, the ones who set up and cleaned up after the reception, the ones who prepared the packets for 25 new members, and those who brought in all the tables afterward—thank you. Many hands do make light work.

Then, on Monday, my sister Amye died, and I learned firsthand just what a compassionate congregation you truly are. How quickly expressions of condolence came my way, along with immediate offers to take things off my plate. It is my deepest hope that every member and friend of this congregation feels this level of support when facing grief and loss. Grief is a deeply lonely process, and no matter how much support you have, it is difficult to navigate alone.

The Endzone reading group that meets on Tuesday nights, where we are currently reading *When Things Fall Apart* by Pema Chödrön; and the fourth Friday grief groups have been a great comfort to me as I face my own loss. Just speaking openly about grief can offer immeasurable relief.

And this highlights why I feel so lucky to have found UU Falmouth at this age and stage of life.

That weekend in May showed me how beautifully we can celebrate together, but the week that followed showed me how deeply we hold one another when the celebrations end. An installation marks a formal beginning, but the quiet, immediate rush of love and care in a time of heartbreak—that is where our ministry truly lives.

Thank you for being a community that doesn't just talk about compassion, but breathes it into life every single day. I am profoundly grateful to be on this journey with you.

In faith and gratitude,

Rev Rali Weaver

**Rev. Rali Weaver is in her office Tuesday-Friday 10 AM - 5 PM and is available by appointment by calling or texting 617-459-5979 or emailing [minister@uuffm.org](mailto:minister@uuffm.org) or going to <https://revraliweaver.youcanbook.me/>**

# Governing Board Report



## UU FALMOUTH BOARD

### 2025-2026 Officers

Charlotte Harris, President  
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Betsy Young, Treasurer  
Betsy Wilder, Clerk

### Directors

Cynthia Dyer  
John Jackson  
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### 2025-2026 Committee Chairs

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Phil Zimmerman, Dave Dimmick,  
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Caring Community—Reed Walsh  
Committee on Ministry—Cathy  
Kligler  
Communications—Joanie  
Thompson & Nannette  
Oldenbourg  
Denominational Affairs—Larry Ladd  
Fellowship Activities—Steve &  
Joanne Treistman  
Finance—Gayle Simundza  
Lay Ministry Team—Tom Kirkman  
Leadership Council—Steve  
Treistman  
Library—Joan Vaughn  
Membership—Betsy Wilder  
Memorial Woodland—Phil  
Zimmerman  
Music—Susan Brooks  
Nominating—Rudolf Oldenbourg  
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& Julie DeSorgher  
Safe Congregation—Contact: Tom  
Kirkman  
Social & Environmental Action—  
Rosa Whiting  
Stewardship—David & Jessica Mark  
Welch  
Welcoming Congregation—Contact:  
Judy LeBeau

Hello Members and Friends,

As you can tell by the picture in the left-hand column, our good president finally got to have a night off and left me running the May 21 meeting of the Governing Board. I must say that it's a great group of people who meet together every month to do the work of the Fellowship. I recommend you consider being one of them if asked by our Nominating Committee in the future.

Our administrator wishes to update pictures and information of members and friends in our Fellowship directory. Lew Stern and Gail Donkin will be available to help with photographs. Please, if you wish to have your picture updated, or included for the first time, search them out—or they may decide to search you out.

Our Stewardship Drive continues and the report is that things are looking quite positive and that we will be able to meet the requirements of our new fiscal year budget. Thank you all for your generosity. The Fellowship currently has 111 pledging units—that is to say, 111 member households or individuals who currently pledge to the financial support of the congregation and its good work. In addition, we have approximately 90 friends to whom the Fellowship looks for support.

The major work of the meeting was preparing for the June Annual Business Meeting on June 14 where all members can vote and ask questions. Work on the final draft budget was presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board. It includes a three percent compensation increase for all our wonderful staff. I'm so pleased that the Fellowship will be able to commit to that. The Nominating Committee is ready to present their list of members willing to serve on those committees that are required and named in our by-laws as needing approval by the congregation at Annual Meeting.

Final recommendations for the *Grosslein Volunteer(s) of the Year* award were presented, discussed and approved. The award will be presented at Annual Meeting along with the annual *Caring Committee Award*. So many people contribute to the work of this Fellowship it is always hard to choose which ones to recognize.

The success of the Cape Cod Foster Closet, which works out of the west wing of our Meeting House, will be celebrated on June 7 at our Music Sunday service. There will be a cake, so don't miss it!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Fellowship. It has been most rewarding.

Phil Zimmerman, Governing Board Vice-President  
zimmerpen1@verizon.net



# Annual Pledge Drive

## *Planting Seeds for Our Future*

### News from the Stewardship Campaign:

The stewardship campaign for our 2026-2027 fiscal year, “Planting Seeds for Our Future,” is coming to a strong conclusion. As of Stewardship Sunday, May 24, we have 89 pledges in hand for a total of \$386,053. This includes pledges from 9 new members and friends, and a 7% increase among members and friends who pledged last year.

If you have not yet sent in your pledge card, it is not too late! Please contact David or Jessica, or Izzie Williams, so that your pledge can be included in the final total announced at the Annual Meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Leading up to the Annual Meeting, Rali and Jenny will be hosting a series of celebratory luncheons for the congregation, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. More details and a chance to RSVP coming soon!

While the success of this year’s drive was due to everyone, we would particularly like to thank Izzie Williams for tracking and recording all the incoming pledges, and Kit O’Connor for all her help with spreadsheets and mailings, and for keeping us to task on Sandscript reports.

This campaign would not have been possible without the help of everyone who canvassed each other and the rest of the congregation: Tedi Bell, Karen and Dave Crichton, Julie DeSorgher, Cynthia Dyer, Stu Graham, Laurel Hallman, Charlotte and Mary Harris, Jane Jackson, John Jackson, Tom Kirkman, Larry Ladd, Judy and Mark LeBeau, Jim and Alice Liljestrand, John McWilliam, Pam Morrone, Jack Mulkeen, Rudolf and Nannette Oldenbourg, Carolyn Powers, Steve and Joanne Treistman, Rali Weaver, Barbara White, Betsy Wilder, and Karen and Phil Zimmerman.

– With gratitude, David and Jessica Mark Welch for the Stewardship Campaign

# UU Falmouth Annual Business Meeting

## UU FALMOUTH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 11:30 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom

The Governing Board has set June 14, 2026 at 11:30 AM for the UU Falmouth 67th Annual Business Meeting. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom simultaneously, using the same login as the usual Sunday service. (It will be sent to everyone in a separate email.) All those who are current members will be eligible to vote.

The agenda for the meeting will include the slate of nominees for the Governing Board, the Committee on Ministry, and the Nominating Committee; an absentee ballot; and the FY 2026/2027 proposed budget. All members are encouraged to attend so your voice can be heard and your vote counted!

## UUA General Assembly

### The 65th UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Virtual

June 14-21, 2026

This year's 2026 UUA General Assembly will be virtual. Because it is virtual, you don't have to travel to be part of it. You can learn all about it [here](#).



The highlight is likely to be the Ware Lecture by Episcopal Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, the bishop who called out the President on the evening of his inauguration. Throughout the GA, you have access to workshops about congregational life and spiritual growth, as well as inspiring worship and lectures. You will have access to the workshops at the time they are scheduled and up to three months afterward.

Registration is \$450. You can register [here](#).

**You can also be a delegate without registering for GA. That allows you to vote in elections and on business matters. Our own Larry Ladd is running in a competitive election for UUA trustee.** If you want to be a delegate, let him know in his role as Denominational Affairs Committee chair.

## Upcoming UU Falmouth Events & Notices

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS for the 3rd Annual Members & Friends Art Show in July & August!

Contact Joanie Thompson or John Jackson for more information or email [admin@uuffm.org](mailto:admin@uuffm.org).

*"It is time to put out the call  
To decorate our Meeting Hall.  
It's our exhibition  
So bring your submission  
Mid-June to be hung on the wall."*

(Limerick by John Jackson, of course.)

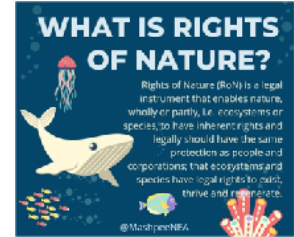


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## “RIGHTS OF NATURE—RIGHTS OF HERRING”

**Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 PM at the Meeting House and via Zoom**

Members of the Mashpee Wampanoag youth group Native Environmental Ambassadors, who are pioneering local Rights of Nature Initiatives, will make a presentation and hold a panel discussion about the steps they are taking to secure the healthy future of herring. They will describe how the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is taking bold action, using traditional ecological knowledge and tribal law to manage local ecosystems by giving herring the right to thrive.



## JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES: *White With Fear*

**Sunday, June 7 from 3-5 PM at the Meeting House**

Join us for our **next monthly gathering** where we explore the most pressing issues of our time through film. We'll kick off each session with a screening, **followed by warm soup and an open-floor conversation** to process what we've seen.



Told by operatives in the rooms where it happened, *White With Fear* is a deep dive into the decades-long quest by some of America's conservative political machine to amass power by exploiting racial fault lines.

*White With Fear* (2024) PBS Film runs 1 hour and 25 minutes. More information can be found here: <https://www.whitewithfear.com>.

## ART SHOW RECEPTION for Mica Champagne

**Saturday, June 13 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at the Meeting House**

Mica is a multi-media artist and visual arts teacher living on Cape Cod with her husband and their four daughters. Her first solo exhibit, “RealEyed: Stand Up and Reveal Yourself,” is a combination of selected past work alongside a series of her most recent work inspired by her personal journey of self-love. She explores themes of trauma, motherhood, desire, confidence, mental health, reflection, transformation, and growth, through the contrasting design processes of geometric, rigid, man-made structures and that of organic, intuitive flow and play.

After 15 years of teaching visual arts to public high school and middle school artists in MA, a pause in her career opened up an opportunity for her to explore her talents as a professional full-time artist. The gift of time profoundly impacted her ability to reach and connect with her innermost psyche. Her work creatively documents this emotional and spiritual journey and will be on display at the Meeting House through June 30th.



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## “SEVEN CANDLES” - Science for a Deeper Spirituality

**Wednesday, June 24 at 7 PM at the Meeting House and via Zoom**

Seven Candles is a multimedia exploration of the spiritual implications of modern mainstream science. We live at a time when discoveries by the scientific community are challenging our perceptions of reality. As in Galileo’s time, we can choose to experience these new-found truths as problems, or we can embrace them, striding towards a deeper, more connected life.



Seven candles is a woo-free mainstream science, described in a way that deliberately uncovers and embraces the profound meaningfulness of scientific revelations.

JD Stillwater is a science ambassador and author who writes and speaks about profound insights from natural reality, insights that drive paradigm shifts and cultural awakening. This work springs from JD’s love of science and his gift for making difficult concepts graspable for non-scientists. JD is an officer of the *Religious Naturalist Association*, a global community of people who take nature to heart; serves on the governing council of the *Institute on Religion in an Age of Science*; and is a Fellow of *Sinai and Synapses*.

## ECO-TOUR AT THE GREEN CENTER

**Sunday, June 28 at Noon**

Join Earle Barnhart and Hilda Maingay as they lead us on an inspiring Eco-Tour at The Green Center (28 Common Way, East Falmouth). This pioneering, nonprofit research and education organization explores practical solutions for ecological living, renewable energy, food production, and sustainable design. Visitors will tour an energy-efficient solar home and attached solar greenhouse where food has been grown year-round on Cape Cod since 1972. The tour includes demonstrations of composting toilets, urine diversion technology, solar electricity, solar heating and hot water systems, and innovative small-house and ADU design strategies.



Founded on the belief that ecological and social transformations must occur at the local human scale, The Green Center continues the legacy of New Alchemy by researching resilient systems accessible to individuals, families, and communities.

This unique tour offers practical ideas, visionary concepts, and hands-on examples for anyone interested in sustainability, climate resilience, ecological sanitation, regenerative agriculture, and low-impact living.

**You are encouraged to bring a bag lunch and to carpool from the Meeting House. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer or call Chris Uljua at 203-586-8495. Minimum of 10 participants, maximum of 16.**

## Falmouth Road Race Volunteer Registration Open!

The UU Falmouth Road Race Team cleans up after the race starts in Woods Hole on Sunday, August 16. (Note new 8 AM start time.) Pam Morrone, the UU Falmouth team leader this year, will be sending out a volunteer registration by email with an identifying team URL code. If you do not receive a registration by June 7th, or if you are a new volunteer, please contact Pam Morrone at [pgm045@yahoo.com](mailto:pgm045@yahoo.com) so you can join the fun!



# Rev. Rali's Installation Weekend!



# UU Falmouth Announcements



## June Birthdays



6/1 Cheri Weber	6/16 Janet Higbie	6/19 Elga O'Dell
6/8 Mead Sommers	6/16 Karen Zimmerman	6/21 Rali Weaver
6/10 Nancy Anderson	6/17 Terry Pageau	6/28 Thomas Kirkman
6/16 Daniel Mark Welch	6/18 Julia Rush	6/30 Win Munro

### Fellowship Weekly/Monthly Gatherings Open to All

(For information on any of these gatherings, contact the person listed or email [admin@uuffm.org](mailto:admin@uuffm.org).)

- **PFLAG Cape Cod** - Monday, June 22 (and the 4th Monday of the month) at 7 PM at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Scott Fitzmaurice.
- **Breakfast Bunch** - Tuesdays at 8 AM. This month we will meet at Moonakis Cafe, 460 Waquoit Highway, East Falmouth. For more information, contact Judy Andrade.
- **Mah Jongg** - Tuesdays from 1-3 PM at the Meeting House. *We welcome new people and are happy to introduce you to the game of Mah Jongg.* For more information, contact Peggy Sabin.
- **End Zone Reading Group** - Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM on ZOOM ONLY. For more information, contact Rev. Rali.
- **Brown Bag Book Bunch** - Wednesday, June 17 at noon (and the 3rd Wednesday of the month) at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Chris Jacobi.
- **Men's Breakfast** - Thursdays from 8-9:30 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom. (Gatherings will resume periodically at Dave's barn when the weather warms up.) A notice will be sent out if it is switched to Zoom-only because of bad weather. If you would like more information, or for the Zoom login, please contact Stu Graham.
- **Chimes Ensemble** - Thursdays at 2:00 PM at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Laura Wing.
- **Justice Book Group** - This group is taking a pause and will regroup in October. For more information, contact Rev. Rali.
- **Community Circle** - Friday, June 12 at 2 PM (and the 2nd Friday of the month) at the Meeting House - open to the public. During Community Circles, we listen to one another, share our thoughts about the topic, and build community as we learn from one another. For more information, contact Joanne Treistman.
- **Community Drumming (aka Percussion Discussion)** - Will start again on Friday, June 19 at 6:30 PM (and the 3rd Friday of the month) at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Nannette Oldenbourg.
- **Grief Group** - Friday, June 26 at 1 PM (and the 4th Friday of the month) at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Rev. Rali.

The online calendar is more complete and up-to-date. To find it, go to [uufalmouth.org](http://uufalmouth.org) and click on "News."  
 Email [admin@uuffm.org](mailto:admin@uuffm.org) if you'd like to have an event or meeting added to the calendar.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>June 2026</b> <span style="float: right;">Red = All are welcome to attend.</span>						
	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal <b>7pm SEAC Meeting</b>	<b>2</b> <b>8am Breakfast Bunch</b> 10:30am Religious Services Committee <b>1pm Mah Jongg</b> <b>6pm End Zone Reading Group</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30am Writing Time <b>6:30pm "Rights of Nature, Rights of Herring"</b>	<b>4</b> <b>8am Men's Breakfast</b> 2pm Chimes Ensemble	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10am MUSIC Sunday Service</b> <b>11:15am Coffee Hour/ Grocery Cards</b> <b>3pm Justice Documentary</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30pm Staff Meeting 1pm Caring Committee Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm Music Committee	<b>9</b> <b>8am Breakfast Bunch</b> <b>1pm Mah Jongg</b> 1:30pm Fellowship Group #1 <b>3:30pm Welcoming Congregation Committee</b> <b>6pm End Zone Reading Group</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30am Writing Time	<b>11</b> <b>8am Men's Breakfast</b> 2pm Chimes Ensemble 3:30pm Fellowship Group #3 7pm Finance Committee	<b>12</b> 10am Writer's Path Group 1pm Membership Committee <b>2pm Community Circle</b>	<b>13</b> <b>3pm Mica Champagne Artist Reception</b>
<b>14</b> <b>10am Sunday Service</b> <b>11:15am Coffee Hour/ Grocery Cards</b> <b>11:30am ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>8am Breakfast Bunch</b> <b>1pm Mah Jongg</b> <b>6pm End Zone Reading Group</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30am Writing Time <b>12pm Brown Bag Book Bunch</b>	<b>18</b> <b>8am Men's Breakfast</b> 2pm Chimes Ensemble <b>7pm Governing Board</b>	<b>19</b> <b>6:30pm Drumming Circle</b>	<b>20</b> <b>10am Spiritual Bellydancing</b> <b>1:30pm Carolyn McDade Singalong</b>
<b>21</b> <b>10am Sunday Service</b> <b>11:00 GA Livestream (NOT at the Meeting House)</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal <b>7pm PFLAG Cape Cod</b>	<b>23</b> <b>8am Breakfast Bunch</b> <b>1pm Mah Jongg</b> 1:30pm Fellowship Group #1 <b>6pm End Zone Reading Group</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30am Writing Time <b>7pm 7 Candles Presentation</b>	<b>25</b> <b>8am Men's Breakfast</b> 10am Soul Matters 10:15am B&G 2pm Chimes Ensemble 3:30pm Fellowship Group #3	<b>26</b> 10am Writer's Path Group <b>1pm Grief Group</b>	<b>27</b>
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