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Calendar

October

18, Tuesday, 6:30: Parish Committee
19, Wednesday, 6:30: Aerobics
21, Friday, 6:30: CAKES
24, Monday, 6:30: Aerobics
25, Tuesday, 7:30: Committee on
Ministry
25, Tuesday, 7:30: RE Committee
26, Wednesday, 6:30: Aerobics
28, Friday, 9:00: Youth Group
Halloween Movie Fest
31, Monday, 6:30: Aerobics

November

2, Wednesday, 6:30: Aerobics
7, Monday, 6:30: Aerobics
8, Tuesday, 7:30 Parish Committee
9, Wednesday, 6:30: Aerobics
11, Friday, 6:30: CAKES
12, Saturday, 6:30: Alliance Harvest
Supper

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The next deadline for submissions is
October 30. Send notices directly by e-
mail to: tylercarpenter@dedhamuu.org or
call me with questions: 617-816-9728.

Sundays in the Meeting House

October 23, 10:00 AM: Rev. Dr. Robert R. N. Ross

October 30, 10:00 AM: Rev. Dr. Robert R. N. Ross

Focus on Religious Education

October 16, 2005

When do we meet:

Sunday, October 23rd – Teaching Sunday

Sunday, October 30th – Start in the meeting house

On Sunday, October 30th the children's service will be followed by mini pumpkin decorating in the Parish House. Bring your ideas we'll provide the supplies.

On Sunday, October 16th, the church school held a vote to choose which animal to donate to the Heifer Project. The PIG was the big winner and he won by a MUDslide. We sent \$125 to Heifer to provide a family with a pig. Pigs provide protein and income through the sale of their offspring. Up to 20 piglets a year can reach market weight by consuming only vegetable waste that humans can't eat. The PIG was a great choice! See the Heifer Project pictures and story about pigs on the RE bulletin board.

The Youth Group is planning a creepy movie fest for Halloween, check with Bailey for details bailey_stoler@yahoo.com.

Save the Date: On Saturday, January 21st, the older elementary school (ages 10 and up) and the middle school students are invited to work at Cradles to Crayons in Braintree. We are scheduled to be there for about 1 ½ hours either late morning or early afternoon.

Cradles to Crayons provides poor and homeless children with essential everyday supplies: a warm coat, books to read, a birthday present. They have served over 40,000 Massachusetts children in the passed 3 years.

Susan Sennott, Director of Religious Education

SAVE THE DATE!

ALLIANCE

HARVEST SUPPER

ENTERTAINMENT

**THE BAYSTATESMEN
BARBERSHOP CHORUS**

NOVEMBER 12, 2005

SATURDAY 6:30 PM

PARISH HOUSE DINING ROOM

**DONATION \$ 10 10 YRS. AND UNDER \$ 5
CHILD CARE PROVIDED AFTER DINNER**

RSVP: CHURCH OFFICE 781-326-7463 OR SIGNUP COFFEE HOUR

In Our Church Family

Check Your Mailbox!

The congregational surveys have been mailed. The survey is one of the most important ways the church community can let the Search Committee know what you want in a minister. The surveys are due back by Nov. 13. They can be returned by mail in the enclosed envelope or dropped in the "Survey Return Box" by the Search Info display in the dining room. Either way you choose to return it, please check off your name on the list at the display once you have done so. We're hoping for 100% participation. Let us know that you have made your contribution.

The Ministerial Search Committee

Parish Committee News

You may have noticed some new faces participating in the service on Sunday morning. Members of the Parish Committee are have been doing the announcements. The announcement schedule is set up until the end of October, Beppy Martin will do the announcements on 10/23 and Tyler Carpenter will do the announcements on 10/30. If you have an announcement please give it to these people or to Rob Ross. If you have a lengthy announcement please feel free to deliver it yourself.

The Parish Committee will be participating in a Values Analysis Process on Tuesday, 10/18. This program will be facilitated by Dr. Ross.

Carol Dixon
Parish Committee Clerk

Share a Ride!

From time to time members of our congregation would like to attend church or church functions but they aren't able to drive or find transportation. We are looking for people who would be willing to lend a hand by driving a fellow church member to church, home from church, or both ways. If you are able to help out please contact Rob Ross or Judy Butler in the church office.

Also, if you find yourself in need of a ride to church or to a church function, please contact Rob Ross or Judy Butler, in the church office.

Thank you,

Carol Dixon

Amnesty International

Thanks to the following for writing letters calling for the Guatemalan government to take action in protecting women from domestic violence:

Eileen Sullivan, Meg Duncan, Diane Winchester, Bob Estes, Virginia Hickey, Betsy Hetzler, Tyler Carpenter, Beppy Martin, Carol Ewing, Deb Harrison David Hurwitz, Carol Hutton and Judy Barrington

All members of the congregation are invited to write letters during coffee hour on October 23rd.

Peter Elefterakis

From the Wider Community

From the Rev. William G. Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association:

October 11, 2005

Dear Friends:

It is with gratitude and joy that we share some very special news. A generous challenge grant has been offered by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock to benefit the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund. Beginning with contributions dated October 2, 2005, Shelter Rock will match each dollar given to the fund, up to a total of \$500,000.

This challenge grant represents a deep faith in the generosity of Unitarian Universalists, a faith that is well-founded. Thanks to your previous contributions, the Gulf Coast Relief Fund now provides a source of help and hope to people whose lives and ministries were tragically interrupted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Because of you, communities will be healed and lives will be transformed. We are deeply moved by the overwhelming response and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As we begin to assess the scope of the damage in the Gulf Coast region, it is clear that the recovery process will need to continue for many years. If Shelter Rock's challenge is met, the combined gifts will increase the fund by an additional one million dollars. This is money that is sorely needed. The destruction left by the hurricanes is staggering, especially so in the most marginalized communities in the region. Additional contributions to the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund will allow us to provide ongoing assistance to those most in need.

Furthermore, three UU churches in the New Orleans area have been badly damaged, and at least one is beyond repair. The Gulf Coast Relief Panel and UUSC's Department of Rights in Humanitarian Crises have committed to providing long-term and effective interventions and solutions, and they will be making intentional, judicious grants in order to make the best use of the funds.

This tragedy has tested us like no other, but it has also given us an opportunity to respond in a way that is truly transformative. We ask you now to rise to the challenge offered by our generous friends in the Shelter Rock congregation, to envision what can be when justice-loving people join hands and hearts, and to make this vision a reality. Please give generously so that together we may extend hope and healing to more of our brothers and sisters through a widening circle of care and compassion.

In faith,

The Rev. William G. Sinkford
President
Unitarian Universalist Association

Charlie Clements, M.D.
President and CEO
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

