

# UUMH Newsletter

236 Commercial Street • Provincetown • Massachusetts

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## A Package of Seeds



I paid a dime for a package of seeds  
And the clerk tossed them out with a flip.  
“We’ve got ‘em assorted for every man’s needs,”  
He said with a smile on his lip.  
Pansies and poppies and asters and peas!  
Ten cents a package and pick as you please!”

Now seeds are just dimes to the man in the store  
And dimes are the things he needs;  
And I’ve been to buy them in seasons before,  
But have thought of them merely as seeds.  
But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time“  
You have purchased a miracle here for a dime!”

“You’ve a dime’s worth of power no man can create,  
You’ve a dime’s worth of life in your hand!  
You’ve a dime’s worth of mystery, destiny, fate,  
Which the wisest cannot understand.  
In this bright little package, now isn’t it odd?  
You’ve a dime’s worth of something known only to God.

—Edgar Albert Guest



That's the first page I started with...but that was before  
May 24, 2022.

Every month I use an image that is emblematic of that  
month's theme and I usually place it in the upper right  
corner of appropriate pages. The theme this month was go-  
ing to be germination and the image, as you can see,  
was going to be seeds.

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## These are not seeds.



## These are bullets for assault weapons.

Worship Worship Worship  
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We are Live  
and  
On-line  
Sundays  
11 am

We will be live-streaming via YouTube.

join in at 11 am

[www.uumh.org](http://www.uumh.org)

Click on Sermons

*Flower Communion  
Sunday, June 12*

*Please bring a  
flower!*

A note from Rev. Kate  
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### For Everything There is a Season

For everything there is a season. For me, this seems to be the season for memorial services. In part because we could not gather during the pandemic, I now find myself leading a lot of postponed gatherings for people who died months or even a year ago.

As I invited you all to join me for Anne MacAdam's service a few weeks ago, I said, "This is such an important part of what we do as religious community... mark beginnings and endings of life, support one another in our grief, and remember."

A lot of the services I do are not for UUMH members, but for people without any religious community. In life they did not feel called to join in a faith community, but when they die their families and friends are left without a container to hold the experience of loss. They turn to us because we know how to do this well. We have rituals that help us to grieve. We have words of comfort to offer. We have sacred space to gather in.

I see memorial services as an important ministry to the larger community as well as a deep part of our own congregational life. It is the deepest honor to help people gather and celebrate a life.

There is a reading in the back of our hymnal that I love by George Odell.

#### **We Need One Another**

**We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted.**

**We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid.**

**We need one another when we are in despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves again.**

**We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone.**

**We need one another in the hour of success, when we look for someone to share our triumphs.**

**We need one another in the hour of defeat, when with encouragement we might endure, and stand again.**

**We need one another when we come to die, and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey.**

**All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us.**

All our lives we are in need, but especially at the end of our lives. Thank you for being a community that does this so well.

Rev. Kate



From the Board

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I was asked to write a piece for the newsletter as a member of the board. I recently joined the board in January, 2022. I was honored to be asked to join and a bit nervous, knowing the commitment and amount of work the board is responsible for, especially during these last few years during the pandemic. But I am finding that service done together as a group with intention, commitment, humility and generosity is not so nerve-wracking and is actually quite interesting and invigorating.

In this precarious time of CoVID, zoom meeting as a board each month includes a discussion about “ the numbers” and at what level of alert status we on the Outer Cape are. With that comes the re-evaluation of our safety protocols and any changes needing to be made to keep our members safe while balancing the needs of the members to be in community with each other. It’s a humbling experience, in the very best sense of the word, to be a part of a team that is working on behalf of our community to protect our physical well-being while continuing to enhance our spiritual well being.

In this time of COVID when absolute truths don’t seem to exist and we are dealing with the subjectiveness of a virus and how best to protect ourselves in a sea of ever-expanding and conflicting information, making decisions together as a board truly calls for humility in the face of so many unknowns and uncharted territory.

As I settle in to being a member on the board, I am witnessing and learning to practice the principles of humility:

- To have an open mind.
- To embrace my strength and weaknesses.
- To be grateful.
- To not be afraid of mistakes.
- To be considerate.
- To not be judgemental.
- To be of service to others.



I am grateful for the opportunity to be a member of the board at this time in history, to hopefully expand my own personal growth as I trudge the road of humble service to our beloved community.

Alison Dwyer



**Honor  
Juneteenth!  
Sunday June 19  
UUMH is hosting  
the Provincetown  
Celebration  
of Juneteenth  
2 to 5 on our lawn**

"we were never children like your children"

We must all face such questions even if we feel we would not act in this way or, incorrectly, that this is in the past and no longer a present concern. After much study and reading, these questions have led to the questioning of the use of prisons in our culture: how they affect each individual, their families and our country as a whole. We have to ask what it means to live in a world that equates justice with punishment and punishment with confinement and does not hand out this confinement equally across the population. The freedom to express ourselves and to make our own decisions is vital to a good life. It is time to rethink and reinvent everything. To reconsider what we reveal to each other and to our young.

Tina Tamaro



JOIN RACIAL JUSTICE PROVINCETOWN FOR

# A SILENT VIGIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE



**THE FIRST  
SATURDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH**

**FROM NOON  
UNTIL 1PM**  
AT TOWN HALL ON  
COMMERCIAL STREET

**WEAR A MASK AND MAINTAIN  
SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6 FEET**

[FACEBOOK.COM/PROVINCETOWNRACIALJUSTICEPROJECT](https://facebook.com/provincetownracialjusticeproject)

Five braved the cold and wind--up to 40 mph gusts!  
Kate Wallace Rogers  
Rev. Kate  
Think that's Ellen Anthony!  
Char  
and Marty Hassell took the pics!





# Committee Corner



## Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team is comprised of 5 people (Bruce DeSteCroix, Jane Lea, Rev. Bill Clark, Dianne Kopser and Loretta Butehorn) who have had special training and have been appointed to their position. We meet monthly and keep in touch throughout the month regarding the well-being of our community. We write notes, call and visit with people who are in need. We also coordinate the Helping Hands, a program that connects volunteers with those needing rides, errands, etc. We write "Among Ourselves" in the monthly newsletter in order to keep the congregation informed of the ups and downs our members are experiencing. In addition, we read through the "Joys and Concerns Journal" and send out our prayers to those who have written in it. This is a loving, longstanding group. Under Rev. Kate's guidance, we have the privilege of caring for our members and each other. If you have concerns, please contact one of us. We need your eyes and ears.

*"Have enough courage to trust  
love one more time.  
And always one more time."  
Maya Angelou*

"The ancient Irish had a saying: 'You don't give a man a weapon until you've taught him how to dance.' In other words, a different kind of learning is required before someone can be truly trusted with social power and potent things like weapons. If a man does not know the wounds of his own soul, he can deny not just his own pain, but also be unmoved by the suffering of other people. More than that, he will tend to put his wound onto others. He may only be able to see the wound that secretly troubles him when he forcefully projects it into someone else, in forms of abuse or violence.

So in the old culture-making idea, in order to properly bear arms a person must first become disarmed, as in becoming vulnerable and connected to something meaningful and supportive of life. The idea of forging the temperament of young men took precedence over the idea of simply giving them weapons at a certain age. The tempering of the souls involved discovering what kind of anger each might carry and learning about the inner line where anger turned into blind rage. Becoming tempered also meant immersing in the sorrow of one's life and thereby being in touch with the grief of the world."

- Michael Meade



India Tresselt

*Dear UUMH Folk,*

*Holding you all in my heart.*

*Holding Uvalde, Texas in my heart. And Buffalo, NY. And Laguna Woods, CA.*

*I send you this prayer.*

*Rev. Kate*

Gentle Presence,

Patient Listener,

Holy Holder of it all,

My prayer is this:

I am so sad.

It's not an ask.

It's not a confession.

It's an offering.

The only one I have today.

I'm praying it with hope.

I know grief is a lifeline –

tethering me to the world that should be.

The one worth fighting for.

As a practice of faith,

I will not deaden these feelings

that let me know all is not well.

I will not adjust to cruelty or disregard for life,

detaching myself from humanity – mine or others.

I will not allow once imaginable scenarios

to be turned into everyday losses

that no longer pierce my soul.

And so here are my tears,

And here is my tired body,

And here is my foggy, distracted mind

bearing witness to the place within

that aches for the ones I love,

for friends and strangers,

for everyone being pushed into impossible situations.

My sadness is a testimony.

It is not my only one.

Tomorrow, hope or fight or curiosity

will bear their truth,

and pull me back into the labors I love,

in the company of others.

But today the only riot in me is this sorrow,

refusing to quiet your cry from within:

“We are made for so much better than this.”

– Rev. M Barclay





**July 2nd  
10am to 12pm**

## Visualize Peace Another World is Possible

We Outer Cape Peaceniks are inviting you and your organization to be a part of this offering/action on **July 2nd from 10am to 12pm.**

Large numbers of visitors will be driving onto the Cape for the 4th weekend. We will stand all along the sides of route 6 on the Outer Cape.

People will hold posters and banners with pro peace and anti war messages.

It is time to stand up and say no to war everywhere, to say no to the creation of more and more refugees and the destruction of communities and the environment. It is time to support immigrants and asylum seekers who have suffered war and violence.

It is time to invest our tax dollars into housing, health, education and the arts.

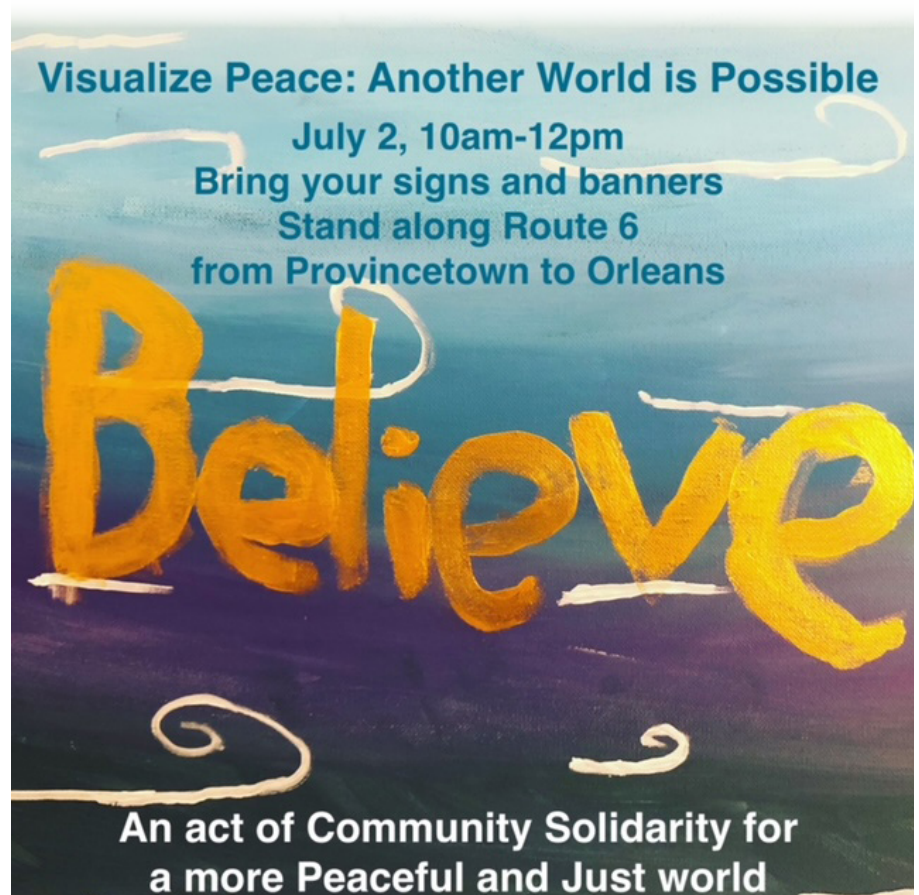
We will have drummers and music. The messages are whatever anyone feels compelled to say, ie, no war in Yemen, in Palestine, in Ukraine, in Ethiopia, in Kashmir, etc.

Also messages like stop the proliferation of weapons of war.

Let us offer some inspiration for this holiday.

We are open to whatever ideas you may have for your participation.

Peace,  
Mel Dwyer  
Alison Dwyer  
Wave  
Karen Pagano  
Chuck Cole  
Olga Kahn  
Catherine Russo  
Roland Blair  
Sara Blandford  
Barbara Murphy  
Linda Loren  
Donna Flax  
Rev. Kate Wilkinson  
UU Social Action Committee



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24th season  
**Great Music**  
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# TOGETHER AGAIN!

## 24th season preview concert

Craig Combs *piano* Ken Field *saxophone* Frederick Jodry *organ* Trish LaRose *vocal* Eric Maul *flute*  
Pamela Murray *vocal* Carolyn Rogers *vocal* John Thomas *piano* Mónica Veress *clarinet*



*Bach to Balkans to Broadway & more!*  
free admission donations welcome

# SUNDAY JUNE 12 5PM

free admission donations welcome handicapped accessible  
 YouTube @Great Music on Sundays at 5 live-stream & one-week availability PayPal donations welcome venmo



# Among Ourselves



- We are holding Rev. Bill Clark close to our hearts as he recovers from a stroke. Hang in there, Bill! We are here with our arms open for you!
- Congratulations to Lorraine Kujawa and Ellen Anthony, both of whom had amazing art shows in May.
- So good to see so many beloved faces among ourselves: Dan Schreiner, Melissa and Althea (and, of course, the very cute, very well-behaved, Riley), George and Peter, David Mills to name a few.
- We send condolences to Roger Chauvette on the loss of his brother, Larry. It is hard to lose a sibling.
- Say what? Paul Cezanne has retired! Does this mean we will get to see more of him and his lovely wife, Susan?
- We find ourselves thinking of Eric Dray. We miss that man! We are so sorry, Eric, that you had to say goodbye to your beloved Bohdi. Know that you are loved.
- Anna Michaud, you are also on our minds. We send you love and strength.
- Linnet Hultin welcomes home a new puppy, Pokey. That, and a little someone else special (namely Angus) are making her life, while complicated, very happy. Look at her glow! And that makes us happy.
- Linda and Barbara Loren-Murphy, you are truly saints to many in this congregation. For that, we love you. If there is anything we might do for you, let us know....please!
- Brenda Silva suffered a nasty fall and injured her ankle. As if she didn't have enough on her plate. We love you, Brenda.
- Holding Kate Wallace Rogers in our loving hearts. We love you and Oliver.
- Missing Peg Reynolds and Carol Karlmann. Hope to see them soon!
- Bo Harris ended up back in the hospital, with another "bump in the road," as he puts it. We send love, a lot of it.

*Every month, it seems, we have a page commemorating yet another life lost or tragically wounded because of systemic racism. If we fight the good fight together, if we make “good trouble,” we can change the world.*



On May 14, 2022, a mass shooting racist hate crime occurred in Buffalo, New York, United States, at a Tops Friendly Markets, a supermarket in the East Side neighborhood.

The dead:

Roberta A. Drury of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 32  
Margus D. Morrison of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 52  
Andre Mackneil of Auburn, N.Y. – age 53  
Aaron Salter of Lockport, N.Y. – age 55  
Geraldine Talley of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 62  
Celestine Chaney of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 65  
Heyward Patterson of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 67  
Katherine Massey of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 72  
Pearl Young of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 77  
Ruth Whitfield of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 86

The injured:

Zaire Goodman of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 20  
Jennifer Warrington, Tonawanda, N.Y. – age 50  
Christopher Braden, Lackawanna, N.Y. – age 55



Humankind has progressed, that much is clear. We no longer live in caves or eat each other.

Despite those advances, progress has been very slow. Humanity's struggle with violence and injustice continues--different century to century but still, a struggle.

We in the United States of America particularly, with our guns and guns and more guns, are facing a challenge to modify our behavior to preserve the peace, to preserve goodness, to preserve life itself. In every age that very challenge has dominated all human affairs to one degree or another, but the stakes now are higher. Annihilation is on the menu, globally, philosophically, and, locally. From the nuclear threats posed by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, to the foundational rumblings cracking our democracy, to the terror in the small schoolrooms all across the country, we feel the quaking.

We are not sure what we can do.

I have offered this prayer of mine to us before; maybe reading it again will grant each of us some peace and some courage to do what needs to be done.

God is depending on us for the mending,  
The loving and caring and healing and such.  
And gives us creation and freedom and wisdom  
and prays that we use them for  
Loving and caring and healing to touch  
One another.  
God sent are we.  
Oh, and God sending.  
(KMH)

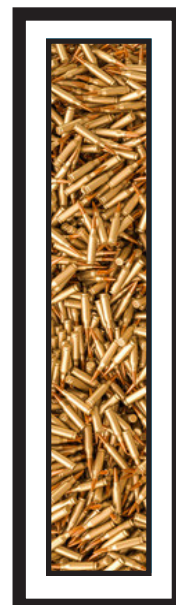


**The truth will set you free.  
But not until it is finished with  
you.**

**David Foster Wallace**



Get planting.



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Kathleen Henry, Editor

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and encouraged!  
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