

UUMH Newsletter

236 Commercial St. Provincetown MA

March 2024



“The members of the UU Meeting House hold sacred each individual’s spiritual and ethical development. We welcome all and seek unity in diversity. We commit ourselves in service to the wellbeing of the congregation and to all of life.”

~Mission Statement of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House of Provincetown

Now I Become Myself

by May Sarton, Unitarian Universalist, poet and author

Now I become myself. It’s taken
Time, many years and places;
I have been dissolved and shaken,
Worn other people’s faces,
Run madly, as if Time were there,
Terribly old, crying a warning,
“Hurry, you will be dead before—”
(What? Before you reach the morning?
Or the end of the poem is clear?
Or love safe in the walled city?)
Now to stand still, to be here,
Feel my own weight and density!
The black shadow on the paper
Is my hand; the shadow of a word
As thought shapes the shaper
Falls heavy on the page, is heard.
All fuses now, falls into place
From wish to action, word to silence,
My work, my love, my time, my face
Gathered into one intense
Gesture of growing like a plant.
As slowly as the ripening fruit
Fertile, detached, and always spent,
Falls but does not exhaust the root,
So all the poem is, can give,
Grows in me to become the song,
Made so and rooted by love.
Now there is time and Time is young.
O, in this single hour I live
All of myself and do not move.
I, the pursued, who madly ran,
Stand still, stand still, and stop the sun!



Women's
History
Month:
UU
View



Miss Hannah Holway (1861-1934) She signed the first Church Constitution and By-laws for what is now the UUMH of Provincetown in 1879. Her father was a lighthousekeeper on Long Point.



Antoinette Brown Blackwell (1825-1921) Unitarian, probably the first woman ordained as a mainstream Protestant minister in the United States.



Miss Frances (Fannie) Crocker Gifford (1875/70-1965) lived to be the oldest member and the longest to hold membership in what is now the UUMH of Provincetown.



Sylvia Plath (1932-1963) a Pagan Unitarian, poet. She led a youth group at the Unitarian Church she attended.

May Sarton (1912-1995) Unitarian Universalist, poet



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March 2024

Sunday, March 10: "Diversity,
EQUITY, and Inclusion"

Rev. Kate Wilkinson

Sunday, March 17: "Agape"

Rev. Bill Clark

Sunday, March 24: "Strong in the
Broken Places" Claire Willis with Rev.
Kate Wilkinson as worship host

Sunday, March 31: "Easter Sunday:
Rising in Love" Rev. Kate Wilkinson

Anne Bradstreet 1612-1672 Nonconformist
poet, writer; descendants include Unitarians:
William Ellery Channing,

Wendell Phillips, Oliver Wendell Holmes

Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld 1743-1825 Unitarian (British)
activist, poet

Judith Sargent Murray 1751-1820 Universalist
poet and author; wrote essay on feminism: "On the Equality
of the Sexes" in 1790 (Rossi, 1973)

Mary Wollstonecraft 1759-1797 Unitarian; married
Unitarian minister, author, wrote Vindication of the Rights of
Woman (in 1792) and Maria or the Wrongs of Woman;
mother of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, author.

Mary Moody Emerson 1774-1863 Unitarian
writer; many of her unpublished writings foreshadow
the ideas of her nephew, Ralph Waldo Emerson

Maria Cook 1779-1835 Universalist
jailed after preaching Universalism

Lucy Barnes 1780-1809 Universalist,
writer, poet

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A note from Rev. Kate



Remembering Violet

One Sunday last year I entitled my sermon "Remembering Violet." That week, the sermon title was on the sign outside the Meeting House, and as members passed by it, several of you thought to yourselves, "hmmm... I don't actually remember who Violet is," followed by the thought, "I guess I'll find out on Sunday!"

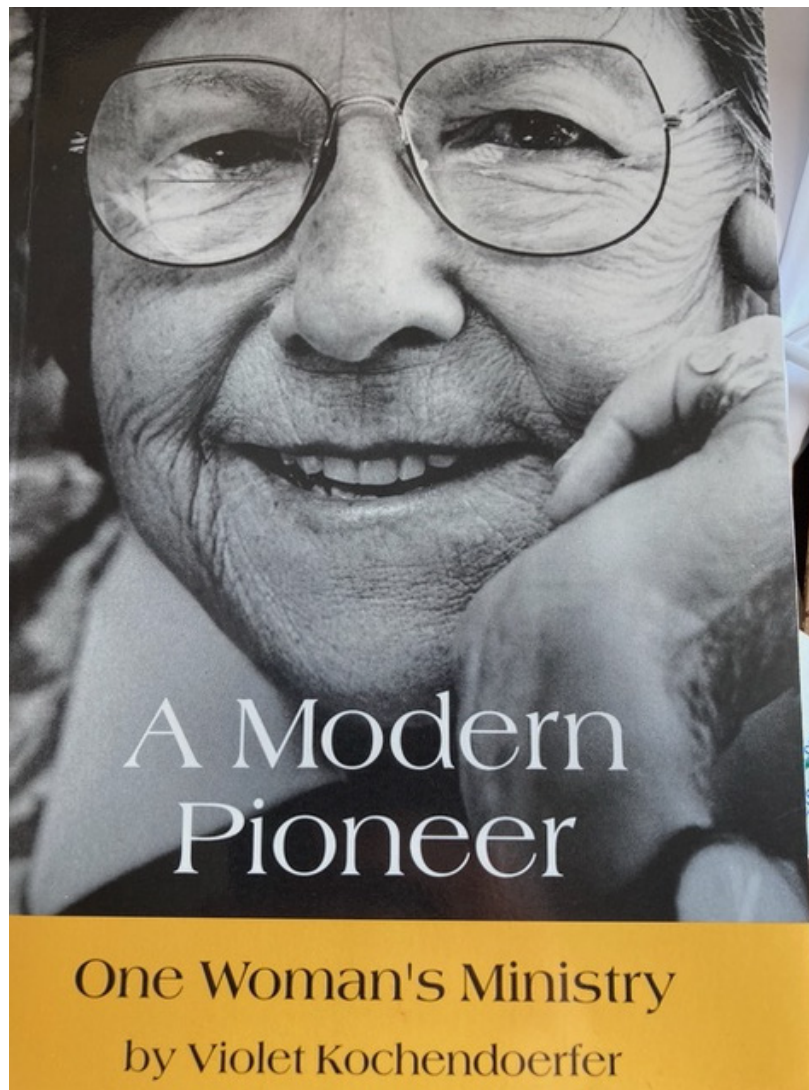
What you found out that Sunday morning was that the Violet I was thinking of was Violet Kochendoerfer, minister here at the UU Meeting House of Provincetown in 1962. Actually, when Violet arrived, the church was still at that time called the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist. Violet explained to the congregation that the name didn't exactly scream "liberal church," and so one of the things she helped the congregation to do that year was to change their name.

In seminary I enjoyed reading Violet's auto-biography, "A Modern Pioneer: One Woman's Ministry." But I've enjoyed even more re-reading it after coming here to Provincetown to serve as your minister.

Growing up in the 1920's, Violet didn't even know a woman could be a minister. But a few decades later, she became one.

We've been talking recently about being on a path. Here's a poem Violet wrote about that very thing...

**What is this thing that seems to
guide my steps?
That seems to know a plan that I
can't see?
That there is one, I cannot help but
feel, for I keep wandering in its
maze,
Not knowing how, or why, or where.
There is no beaten path ahead; but
as I take each step, another one
comes clear.
I turn my head and marvel at the tiny
pieces of the way I've come,
Fantastic in minute detail and timing.
And after miles and thoughts of what
I've left,
I find myself returning to beginnings
on another path,
That beckon far beyond my earlier
imaginings.**



Violet Kochendoerfer was ordained and installed in Provincetown on December 9, 1962. George Spencer delivered the ordination sermon and said, "Out of nearly one thousand ministers, I think, Violet, that you are number three or four in the women's group. I need not remind you that the way is twice as difficult for a woman. Her ministry has to be superior in every way to make it possible for her to have a career in this profession. She will have to continually hammer at the doors of prejudice to make sure her ministry is taken seriously. But it can be done, and I know you have accepted the challenge that confronts you."

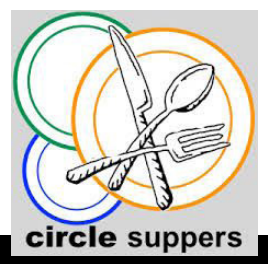
And that's what Violet did. She continued on her path of ministry, hammering down doors and making a way for herself and for women who followed her. She didn't stay in Provincetown very long, but she led the way for many other female ministers here, including me. And so, gratefully, I remember Violet.

Rev. Kate

Some of the photos of the circle suppers have mysteriously gone missing--please be assured that wonderful times were had by all at all of the tables. Many thanks to the hosts and thanks to all who contributed to the meals that were enjoyed.

A special word of gratitude goes to Lisa Bergeron for organizing this event. The conversations are nourishment for our community (and the food is good too)!

If the other photos surface we'll post them next month!





Winter Spirituality Series:the Labyrinth

A labyrinth is not a maze. A maze blocks you at every turn. It tricks you, perhaps frightens you, delights in your losing your way.

A labyrinth is a path. A labyrinth is a one step in front of the other journey to an interior center followed by an unfurling journey back to where you began. "We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring, Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time." T.S. Eliot (son of a Unitarian Universalist mother—find her in the list!)

Eliza Lee Cabot Follen 1787-1860 Unitarian children's author, abolitionist; she, with husband Charles Follen, Harvard German instructor, introduced the Christmas tree custom to America

Eliza Farrar 1791-1870 Quaker, Unitarian children's author, abolitionist

Lucretia Mott 1793-1880 Quaker, Free Religious Association reformer: abolition, feminism, peace, temperance, liberal religion; cousin of Phebe Hanaford (also on this list)

Frederika Bremer 1801-1865 Unitarian (Swedish) novelist, feminist, pacifist

Harriet Martineau 1802-1876 British Unitarian writer, social critic, journalist, feminist

Lydia Maria Child 1802-1880 Unitarian author, abolitionist, reformer; wrote "An Appeal in Favor of That Class of Americans Called Africans" and "Over the River and Through the Woods"

Dorothea Dix 1802-1887 Unitarian mental health reformer, prison reformer, poet

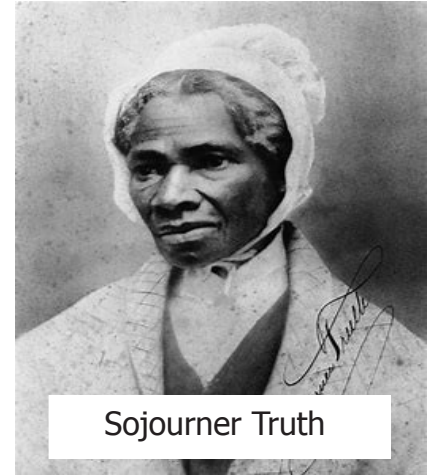
Elizabeth Palmer Peabody 1804-1894 Unitarian, Transcendentalist (teacher, author, reformer; sister to Mary Peabody Mann and Sophia Peabody Hawthorne (both also on this list); close associate of William Ellery Channing

As part of our Winter Spirituality Series, we gathered in Truro around a labyrinth. We walked. We meditated. We warmed ourselves by the fire and drank cocoa. We laughed. Some cried. It was a sacred, celebrating time.

"To feel the love of people whom we love is a fire that feeds our life." — Pablo Neruda



"The theme for Women's History Month 2024 is 'Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.' It recognizes women who work to eliminate bias and discrimination, and who strive for fairness and equality in institutions and social interactions. perhaps there is no better example of this than Sojourner Truth. Truth spoke at the Second Ohio Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio on May 29, 1851. She was not invited but attended anyway. She was not asked to speak but rose to advocate for all women's rights, including women of color. Her 'Ain't I A Woman?' speech challenged the exclusion of women of color from the women's movement at the time, allowing Akron to play an extraordinary role in the fight for voting rights for all. Truth spoke on the steps of The Universalist Stone Church, UUCA's ancestor church.



Sojourner Truth

"In Chris Klimek's recent article in the Smithsonian Magazine, 'How to Separate Fact From Myth in the Extraordinary Story of Sojourner Truth,' he explores why the pioneering 19th-century feminist, suffragist, abolitionist's legacy has so frequently been misrepresented. His interviews with historians Cynthia Greenlee and Nell Irvin Painter, help us understand who Sojourner Truth really was, and why several generations of activists have claimed her as a symbol, at the expense of our understanding of her as a person.

"As we transition from Black History Month to Women's History Month, there is no better representative of this intersection than Sojourner Truth. We are honored that our ancestor Universalist church, is part of the Sojourner Truth project in Downtown Akron. The project features a plaza and a statue designed by international, Akron artist, Woodrow Nash. The dedication will be on Wednesday May 29, 2024. Mark your calendar as we stand on the shoulders of our Universalist ancestors to honor Truth." (from the UU Church of Akron, 2/29/24)

**I am not going
to die, I'm going
home like a
shooting star.**

Sojourner Truth

Elizabeth Palmer Peabody 1804-1894 Unitarian, Transcendentalist

(teacher, author, reformer; sister to Mary Peabody Mann and Sophia Peabody Hawthorne (both also on this list); close associate of William Ellery Channing

Sarah Flower Adams 1805-1848 Unitarian (British)

hymn writer: "Nearer My God to Thee"

Mary Tyler Peabody Mann 1806-1887 Unitarian educator; sister to Elizabeth Palmer Peabody and Sophia Peabody Hawthorne (both on this list), married to Horace Mann

Maria Weston Chapman 1806-1885 Unitarian abolitionist

Mary Carpenter 1807-1877 Unitarian (British) abolitionist, teacher, juvenile justice reformer

Sophia Peabody Hawthorne 1809-1871 Unitarian author and writer; sister to Elizabeth Parker Peabody and Mary Peabody Mann (both also on this list), married to Nathaniel Hawthorne

Fanny Kemble 1809-1893 Unitarian (British) poet, Shakespearean actress; author of Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Plantation in 1838-39

Margaret Fuller 1810-1850 Unitarian, Transcendentalist American writer, journalist, and philosopher; friend of Ralph Waldo Emerson

From the Board



Pat Medina

I'm not really sure when it all happened, sometime before 1998, but the details are so deeply a part of me till this day. I was singing in the Outermost Community Chorus with the oh so amazing John Thomas himself and about a dozen other singers of various skills and sounds. I met some really great and supportive people there. I'd never sang in public before. (I was reluctantly pushing my comfort zone!)

Two of those amazing people, Susan Dill English and Peter Warnock, asked me to come sing in the Choir at the Sunday service of the UUMH. Very hesitantly, and eventually, I agreed, but only if they'd meet me out in front that Sunday morning. I was NOT a "church" person, AT ALL!!! They told me I could call it a Meeting House if that gave me comfort. They seemed positive it wouldn't fall in on me! They said the Choir needed more singers. I said I'd try it! (Again, I was nervously pushing my comfort zone!)

They met me outside that following Sunday and I entered the Meeting House to lend my voice to the service and the music offering. I had a memorable time. I met even more really warm, interesting and fun people from the community. The sermon was easily digestible and I left with lots to think about regarding what the sermon piqued in me.

All these many years later, I am still lending my voice to the UUMH Choir. I now can easily say YES and push myself out of my comfort zone because I know I am safe in this loving community. I can stretch and grow and learn. Sermons and new ideas, songs and laughter nurture my spiritual growth weekly. I'm pretty sure I grew up since I first walked into the UU Meeting House of Provincetown!

This year's exercise in 'stretching my comfort zone' came when I was asked to serve on the Board as Clerk. Not knowing even what a Clerk's job was, I accepted the nomination and was duly elected by our congregation. I am being taught gently by our Board members, the ropes of my duties. I am learning all I can to competently and enthusiastically serve in it's full capacity.

I am forever grateful for the opportunity to be part of this amazing community and participate in the love and laughter, connection and peace it brings to my life.

Pat Medina

Elizabeth Gaskell 1810-1865 Unitarian writer, reformer, wife of Unitarian minister William Gaskell

Ellen Sturgis Hooper 1812-1848 Transcendentalist Unitarian, poet, sister of Caroline Sturgis Tappan (also on this list)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton 1815-1902 Unitarian suffragist, organizer, writer, co-author of The Woman's Bible, mother of Harriot Stanton Blatch (also on this list)

Lydia Moss Bradley 1816-1908 Unitarian and Universalist educator, philanthropist, founded Bradley University

Charlotte Saunders Cushman 1816-1876 Unitarian, actor

Lucy N. Colman 1817-1906 Universalist abolitionist, feminist, freethinker

Lucy Stone 1818-1893 Unitarian feminist, suffragist, abolitionist; married Henry Brown Blackwell whose sisters were Elizabeth Blackwell and Emily Blackwell (both on this list) and whose brother Samuel Blackwell married Antoinette Brown Blackwell (also on this list); mother of Alice Stone Blackwell (also on this list)

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Winter Spirituality Series

Death Café

A UU Meeting House
Winter Spirituality Series
Event!

Let's drink tea, eat cake, and
talk about death!

You may be contemplating the
death of someone you love,
your own death, or wondering
what happens after you die.

Who can you talk to about issues
of death and dying? Do you have any
fears around dying? How do
you want to be remembered?

These are just some of the questions
and conversations that come up at a
Death Café.

Join this respectful, confidential
space where we listen and speak
from an open heart!

This event is free and open to all!
Facilitated by Betsy Simmons



Saturday,
March 9
2PM

This event will be in person at the UU Meeting House of Provincetown

To register: e-mail revkate@uumh.org

Elizabeth Blackwell 1821-1910 Unitarian and Episcopalian physician, sister of Emily Blackwell, sister of Samuel Blackwell who was married to Antoinette Brown Blackwell, and of Henry Blackwell, married to Lucy Stone (Emily Blackwell, Antoinette Brown Blackwell, and Lucy Stone are on this list)

Caroline Wells Healey Dall 1822-1912 Unitarian reformer, author

Frances Power Cobbe 1822-1904 Unitarian (British) feminist, anti-vivisectionist

Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz 1822-1907 Unitarian scientist, author, educator, first president of Radcliffe College; married to Louis Agassiz

Sarah Hammond Palfrey 1823-1914 writer; daughter of John Gorham Palfrey

Phoebe Cary 1824-1871 Universalist, poet, abolitionist, suffragist; sister of Alice Cary (also on this list)

Ednah Dow Littlehale Cheney 1824-1904 Universalist, Unitarian, Free Religious Association civil rights activist, suffragist, editor, speaker

Antoinette Brown Blackwell 1825-1921 Congregational and Unitarian minister, author, lecturer: possibly the first woman ordained as a Protestant minister in the US by a "recognized denomination"; later married Samuel Blackwell, brother of Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell and of Henry Blackwell who was married to Lucy Stone (Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell and Lucy Stone are on this list)

Sallie Holley 1818-1893 Unitarian abolitionist, educator

Maria Mitchell 1818-1889 Unitarian, astronomer

Caroline Sturgis Tappan 1819-1868 Transcendentalist Unitarian, poet, children's author, sister of Ellen Sturgis Hooper (also on this list)

Julia Ward Howe 1819-1910 Unitarian, Free Religious Association writer, poet, abolitionist, social reformer; author of Battle Hymn of the Republic; promoter of Mother's Day for Peace; mother of Laura E. Richards and married to Samuel Gridley Howe, founder of the Perkins School for the Blind, researcher

Lydia Pinkham 1819-1883 Universalist (eclectic) patent medicine inventor, businesswoman, advertising writer, advice columnist

Florence Nightingale 1820-1910 British Unitarian, nurse; founded nursing as a modern profession; mathematician: invented the pie chart

Mary Ashton Rice Livermore 1820-1905 lecturer, suffragist, temperance advocate, helped organize Civil War Sanitary Commission

Susan Brownell Anthony 1820-1906 Unitarian and Quaker, reformer, suffragist)

Alice Cary 1820-1871 Universalist, author, poet, abolitionist, suffragist; sister of Phoebe Cary (also on this list)

Clara Barton 1821-1912 Universalist, American Red Cross founder

Soul Collage Cards

A UU Meeting House
Winter Spirituality Series
Event

Come collage with us! You
don't have to be an artist!

Originally developed by Seena Frost, the idea of SoulCollage is that each card, created through cutting and pasting a collage of magazine images, is a mirror of the self and soul.

Explore different parts of
yourself through this creative
process and get to know others
on a deeper level.

Leave your inner critic at home!



Mondays,
March 4, 11, 25
2:30-4pm

This event will be in person at the UU Meeting House of Provincetown

To Register : e-mail revkate@uumh.org



MARTY COWDEN

Photo: Marty Cowden

“They shut me up in Prose — As when a
little Girl They put me in the Closet —
Because they liked me “still.”
Emily Dickinson



Frances Ellen Watkins Harper 1825-1911 Unitarian, writer, poet, abolitionist, feminist, temperance advocate

Emily Blackwell 1826-1910 Unitarian physician, sister of Elizabeth Blackwell, of Samuel Blackwell who was married to Antoinette Brown Blackwell, and of Henry Blackwell who was married to Lucy Stone (Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Blackwell, and Antoinette Brown Blackwell are on this list)

Matilda Joslyn Gage 1826-1898 Unitarian, suffragist, reformer; her daughter Maud married L. Frank Baum, author of The Wizard of Oz. Gage retained her membership in the Baptist church; later became a Theosophist. [picture]

Maria Cummins 1827-1866 Unitarian, author

Barbara Bodichon 1827-1891 Unitarian (British), artist, landscape watercolorist; writer, cofounder of Griton college; feminist activist

Phebe Ann Coffin Hanaford 1829-1921 Universalist minister, author, poet, suffragist; cousin of Lucretia Mott (also on this list)

Abigail May Williams 1829-1888, social reformer, suffragist, women's rights advocate, elected to Boston School Committee and denied her seat because she was a woman--succeeded in changing the law.

Emily Dickinson 1830-1886 Transcendentalist poet; Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Unitarian minister, was an important figure in her career

Helen Hunt Jackson 1830-1885 Transcendentalist author; proponent of Indian rights; no church connection as an adult

Louisa May Alcott 1832-1888 Transcendentalist author, poet; best known for “Little Women”

Poet's Corner

From a village in Western Crete,
an embroidered silk panel by
"Anonymous"



Unitarian Universalist Women, by Heather Ferguson

Let's twist hemp into rigging; we'll travel. I'm covered in
spray. He puzzles over me: Why leave now?

Let's twist wool into thread. Let's twist the threads of our
woes into habitable garments. This is a backstrap loom. Let's
teach our daughters.

Is there safety in silence? Let's twist history. He tells me, that
was done long ago. Let's plait real memories into our braids.

Let's twist the future. We will scout from the crow's nest. We
will pluck islands from the sea. We will find our future in the
foam.

ITSELF

Each month for a while we'll be highlighting something about our beautiful and unique building. The building itself.

If you have a question about something to do with the art in the building, or its history, or have photos, please let us know at meetinghousenews@gmail.com.



What you are NOT seeing in this picture is the result of the amazing work of Rev. Chris Vazquez. During COVID when the UUMH was shuttered, the sanctuary underwent a revitalization--the pews and the floor were repainted, the doors re-covered, the emergency exit door updated, AND, the first pew on the inner west side of the sanctuary was removed. This removal means members and visitors in wheelchairs can now more comfortably and safely situate themselves for services.

A big thank you to Chris for not only executing the removal and creating the space we needed, but also making the result look like it did in 1847.

Among Ourselves

Love is the Spirit

- We continue to hold on our hearts Cricket's Family. We especially send our love to Jim Comey, who lost his mother and then his partner in the same month. Jim will be joining us for Cricket's memorial so we will get to give him our love then.
- We send our greetings and love to Marilyn Bayer, who is facing many changes and some health issues.
- Elise Stiller is embarking on a medical journey with her recent cancer diagnosis. We're here for you, Elise. And for you, Mary!
- We continue to send strength and healing to our dear Bruce de St Croix as he deals with spine issues.
- Norma Peters, we know you can't get here on Sundays but we miss you!
- Happy 90th Birthday, Lawrence Crisara! We really don't believe you've hit the big 9-0!

Jane Andrews 1833-1887 Unitarian educator, children's author

Rebecca Sophia Clarke 1833 -1906 Unitarian, children's author

Annie Adams Field 1834-1915 Unitarian author, literary hostess, charity worker; married to James Fields, editor of the Atlantic; after his death lived with Sarah Orne Jewett, author

Olympia Brown 1835-1926 Universalist minister, suffragist

Augusta Jane Chapin 1836-1905 Universalist minister, activist; one of the chief organizers of the Parliament of the World's Religions, 1893, especially of participation of many women of a variety of faiths in this event

"Can a woman become a genius of the first class? Nobody can know unless women in general shall have equal opportunity with men in education, in vocational choice, and in social welcome of their best intellectual work for a number of generations."

— Anna Garlin Spencer

Ada C. Bowles 1836-1928 Universalist suffragist, abolitionist, temperance supporter, home economist

Fanny Baker Ames 1840-1931 Unitarian charity organizer; suffragist, teacher; leader of the Unitarian Women's Auxiliary Conference

Charlotte Champe Stearns Eliot 1843-1929 Unitarian author, reformer; father-in-law was William Greenleaf Eliot, Unitarian minister and founder of Washington University, St. Louis; son was T.S. Eliot, poet

Eliza Tupper Wilkes 1844-1917 Universalist and Unitarian minister

Emma Eliza Bailey 1844-1920 Universalist Universalist minister

Celia Parker Woolley 1848-1919 Unitarian, Free Religious Association, minister, social reformer

Ida Husted Harper 1851-1931 Unitarian, journalist, historian and biographer and press expert for the woman suffrage movement

Anna Garlin Spencer 1851-1931 Free Religious Association, minister, writer, educator, NAACP founder, social reformer; also wife of Unitarian minister William B. Spencer; though Spencer was associated with Unitarian, Universalist, and Ethical Culture congregations, she identified with the broader "free religion."

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.

This month we honor an African-American Unitarian Universalist Cape Codder.



“A community peace and civil rights activist, Margaret Moseley was born in Dedham, Massachusetts in 1901, and graduated from high school in Dorchester in 1919. Unable to pursue a career in nursing or business because of racial discrimination, Moseley was a founding member of a consumers’ cooperative in Boston in the 1940s, served on the board of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and Freedom House in Roxbury. She was president of the Community Church in Boston, and Massachusetts legislative chair for the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, which established the Margaret Moseley Memorial Peace Education Fund in her honor in 1989. After moving to Cape Cod in 1961, she helped form local chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and WILPF. She was a founding member of the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod, and the Fair Housing Committee on Cape Cod. She was also active in the Unitarian Church of Barnstable, becoming a founding member of the Social Responsibility Committee, and the first woman to chair the Prudential Committee; the governing body of the church. She was also on the boards of the Cape Cod Section, Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands. Moseley died in 1997.”



Margaret Moseley

excerpt from Harvard Square Library



Mary Augusta Safford 1851-1927
Unitarian minister

Eleanor Elizabeth Gordon 1852-1942
Unitarian minister

Maud Howe Elliott 1854-1948
Unitarian, author, social reformer; daughter of Julia Ward Howe (also on this list)

Maria Baldwin 1856-1922
Unitarian educator, reformer, first African American woman principal

Harriot Stanton Blatch 1856-1940
Unitarian, suffragist; daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton (also on this list)

Alice Stone Blackwell 1857-1950

Unitarian, suffragist, reformer; daughter of Lucy Stone (also on this list) and Henry Brown Blackwell

Fannie Farmer 1857-1915
Unitarian (and Universalist?) cookbook author, teacher of cooking and dietetics; first to write recipes with exact measurements

Ida C. Hultin 1858-1938
Unitarian and Universalist minister; spoke at 1893 Parliament of the World's Religions

I love making this newsletter. I. Learn. So. Much.

Every month my mind is expanded and my heart explodes a little as I delve into the UU faith movement, the issues that matter to UU's, and the goings and comings of our own dear UUMH.

The list which weaves throughout this month's newsletter was compiled by Jone Johnson Lewis. As we can readily imagine, the list is far from exhaustive. I think of Carolyn McDade, the amazing feminist and songwriter who gave us "Spirit of Life," and so many other hymns raising up justice and freedom. Her music changed my life many years ago, and still touches us all.

Whom would you add to the list? I think of **Kim K. Crawford Harvey**, a minister who served valiantly here at the UUMH during the AIDS crisis that affected so many of our church and community members.

Makes me think of **Jane Lea**, who served tirelessly at that time too.

The person who comes to your mind might be someone who sits in a pew right near yours--or might be someone from your past. Who is a UU woman who made a real difference in the faith movement, in the world, in the community? Let's add to this list!



Your Editor

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time."

— ANGELA DAVIS

Caroline Julia Bartlett Crane 1858-1935 Unitarian minister, social reformer, sanitation reformer

Carrie Clinton Chapman Catt 1859-1947 Unitarian connections, suffragist, pacifist, founder of League of Women Voters

Ellen Gates Starr 1859-1940 Unitarian roots, converted to Roman Catholicism co-founder of Hull House, labor activist, Socialist

Charlotte Perkins Stetson Gilman 1860-1935 Unitarian, feminist, speaker, author of Herland, "The Yellow Wallpaper"

Jane Addams 1860-1935 Presbyterian social reformer, settlement house founder; a uthor of Twenty Years at Hull House; attended All Souls' Unitarian Church in Chicago and the Ethical Culture Society in Chicago for many years; was briefly an Interim Lecturer at the Ethical Society; retained her membership in a Presbyterian congregation

Florence Buck 1860-1925 Unitarian minister, religious educator, writer

Kate Cooper Austin 1864-1902 Universalist, freethinker
feminist, anarchist, writer

Alice Ames Winter 1865-1944 Unitarian
Woman's Club leader, author; daughter of Fanny Baker Ames (also on this list)

Beatrix Potter 1866-1943 Unitarian (British)
artist, author; wrote Peter Rabbit series

Emily Greene Balch 1867-1961 Unitarian, Quaker
1946 Nobel Prize for Peace; economist, pacifist, a founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Katherine Philips Edson 1870-1933 Unitarian
suffragist, reformer, labor arbitrator

(Sara) Josephine Baker 1873-1945 Unitarian
health reformer, physician, public health administrator

Amy Lowell 1874-1925 Unitarian, poet

Edna Madison McDonald Bonser 1875-1949 Universalist
minister, religious educator; first woman minister in Illinois

Clara Cook Helvie 1876-1969 minister

Sophia Lyon Fahs 1876-1978 Unitarian Universalist
religious educator, minister

Ida Maud Cannon 1877-1960 Unitarian
social worker; known as founder of medical social work

Margaret Sanger 1883-1966, birth control advocate, social reformer

Marjorie M. Brown 1884-1987 Unitarian, author, "Lady in Boomtown"

Maja V. Capek 1888-1966 Unitarian (Czechoslovakian) Unitarian minister;
helped create the Flower Communion and
introduce it to Unitarians in America and Europe

Margaret Barr 1897? - 1973 Unitarian (British)
educator, administrator, helped create Unitarian church movement in Khasi Hills, India; friend of Gandhi

May Sarton 1912-1995 Unitarian Universalist, poet, author

Sylvia Plath 1932-1963 poet

Malvina Reynolds songwriter, folksinger

Frances Moore Lappe 1944 author, nutritionist, activist: wrote "Diet for a Small Planet"

Jewel Graham 1925-2015 Unitarian Universalist
social welfare educator; President, World YWC

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Colette Werden

"It's okay if you fall down and lose your spark. Just make sure that when you get back up, you rise as the whole damn fire."

Who are the UU women making history on YOUR list?

#1. Rev. Kate Wilkinson



Cricket taking part in a puppet sermon (2015?)

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