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Summer Services

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES ARE AT 10 A.M.



July 14

Respect and Dignity: Inclusion and Civil Rights – *Jean Bowen*

Respecting and including people who are different increases our worth and enriches our lives and faith.
Jean is a former executive director of Western Connecticut Association for Human Rights.

July 21

Stories We Tell Our Children – *Pam Santos*

The stories we grew up with and the stories we pass on to children can have a powerful meaning. Whether from a fairy tale, the Bible, a novel, or your grandmother, what stories will you pass down?
Pam is the Director of Religious Education at UUCSC.

July 28

The Origins of Yoga – *Judy McClain*

Few Americans who practice yoga today know much about its origins in ancient India. Judy will discuss the Indian classical yoga tradition from the Indus Valley civilization to the rise of Buddhism.
Judy McClain is the founder of the Grace School of Yoga in Wickford.

August 4

The Grandeur of Nature – *Thomas Casey Greene*

Tom will reveal to us the awe and wonder expressed by the Transcendentalists we UUs so admire. From the keyboard, he will accompany two recorders and a viola da gamba as the musical offering. *Tom Greene, who lives on the family homestead in Potowomut where Gen. Nathanael Greene was born, is an accomplished pianist and organist who has provided music for services at Westminster Unitarian Church in East Greenwich for more than two decades.*

August 11

Flowers to the Rescue – *Lesley Wooler*

Just as food sustains the human body, flowers nourish the soul, enhancing our psychological well-being.
Lesley Wooler is the proprietress of The Herb Wyfe Holistic Health Center in Wickford.

August 18

Rise Up Singing – *Helene Gersuny*

This old-fashioned hymn-sing is your opportunity to belt out your favorite hymns or ones you just want to hear. Please select your favorites from either the old or new hymnal and let Helene know your choices.

August 25

The Bus is Coming Your Way: Reflections on Mortality and Living Life – *Sally Gabb*

We've all said it: "I could be hit by a bus tomorrow." But our relationship to life and mortality changes when we learn that the bus might be headed our way soon.

Sally Gabb is a member of Bell Street Chapel (Unitarian Universalist) in Providence.

No service on Sunday, September 1

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Beginning our Journey Together

In August we start our temporary walk together. We will journey as you, as a congregation, discern your new path. I will be with you as coach, consultant, and for the time-being-your-pastor. I look forward to meeting each one of you in the next few weeks. The church leadership will help me set an appropriate three-quarter time schedule on site in Peace Dale. I don't expect to be in the office with any regularity until the staff returns in late August. We can still make plans to meet one on one in August and I will be available for initial committee meetings by appointment. (I'll be at the August 25 picnic.)

Let me just tell you a little about myself and my religious journey. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up there attending various Protestant churches. (That's a story for another time.) I was introduced to Unitarian Universalism in 1962, (just one year after merger) when my fiancé Terry took me to his family's church. His parents were part of the group of thirty-six founding members in 1946. I was struck by the big blue wall at the front of the sanctuary. "Where is the cross?" I asked. "We don't have one!" he answered. "We put up whatever symbol we feel appropriate in our mind." I was home. I have now been a UU for 50 years and I have never doubted that this is the faith for me—not that I've not changed and grown, for this we must always do.

Sixteen years after my first encounter with UUism, Terry died suddenly from a heart attack. The UU faith was there in all the important ways for me and my three children. As I traveled that road "through the valley of the shadow of death," I heard a call to assist others in their grief. Discernment led to the study for the ministry of religious education. Five years later I married Paul Smith and moved my family to Massachusetts, and my path took me to parish ministry.

I attained fellowship as a UU minister in 1988. I served a small congregation in West Virginia five years as their extension minister (after 25 years of lay leadership) and a small (sometimes mid-size) First Parish Kennebunk eight years in Maine (as they celebrated 250 years of existence).

In 2003 I became the District Executive for Northeast District, UUA in Maine, serving three years until a new DE was hired for both Northeast and New Hampshire/Vermont in 2006 (now the Northern New England District). Initially trained as an interim minister in 2002, I completed Accredited Interim Ministry in 2007. During the past seven years I served Massachusetts UU congregations in Haverhill, Brewster, and Swampscott, and in Keene, New Hampshire. I like being a change agent. Well suited to interim ministry, I can imagine the larger goal while keeping the individual tasks in mind. This is enough of my story for now.

I realize you have accomplished much in recent years. Together, your leadership and I will choose when and how to do the tasks of interim ministry. First you and I need to find out who you are without your now-retired minister. And then you will be ready to bring a new minister to Peace Dale.

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The President's Letter

Who are we and where should we be going as a congregation?

Answering those questions is a big part of the upcoming transition period. Our congregation needs to delve into a thoughtful and respectful discussion that involves everyone in the congregation. Once we find consensus on where we want to go, we will be able to find a settled minister who shares our vision and can help take us there.

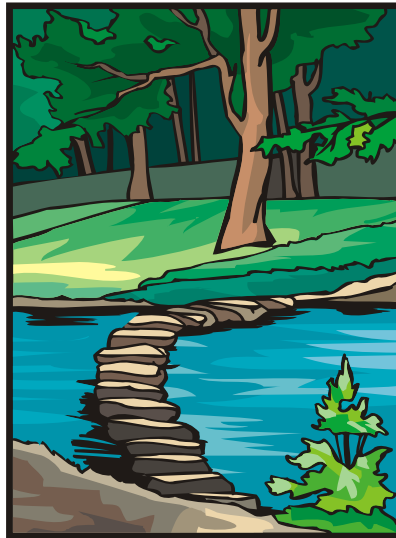
Our incoming interim minister, Rev. Dr. Judith Smith-Valley, will be arriving in August and she brings a wealth of experience in guiding congregations in this process. As your president, I will facilitate this process in a few ways.

Here are some of the main concerns I have heard from members:

- o We need to improve communication.
- o We should encourage more participation by members.
- o We need to attract new members.
- o We should build a stronger presence in the community; internally, locally and globally.
- o We should improve institutional memory for better continuity year to year.
- o We need to become financially self-sustaining.
- o We should refine our system of governance.

The first five items can be facilitated with technological tools now widely available. A technology committee is now being

formed with Betsy Dalton as board liaison. Its goal is to evaluate various tech tools and determine their suitability for use in the UUCSC community. The committee will propose guidelines for use of these tools and submit them to the board for adoption. Finally, they will set up training for these tools. This will be an ongoing process, but I hope we can see some innovation in the next three months.



Our web site has been redesigned, and perhaps that was the simplest part. Utilizing its vast potential will require each committee to make sure they maintain accurate and up to date content to keep the site viable and relevant. Dave Crockett maintained our web site for years, and he did an excellent job as web master. Barbara Pagh and Will Bender worked with the web designer to bring a new format online and they are currently seeking someone to fill the web master position.

Our audio-visual systems need

to be evaluated and a long term plan put in place. We need to be able to record broadcast-quality sound and video, project images during events, and have balanced lighting. We need to improve our sound system to theater quality—not tomorrow, but we need to work our way there one piece at a time. If we know what we are looking for, then we can build it sensibly.

Financial sustainability will come if we are a congregation that is doing things that members find relevant, rewarding and fun. But we must also think of ourselves as a community center as well as a faith community. Our doors need to welcome all sorts of groups, events and people. Music at Lily Pads is one tremendous success that has become not only a financial help, but generates great publicity too.

We need to find other ways to bring the wider community to us and we need to get out into the wider community ourselves. Share the plate has become one good example of how we are expanding that outreach. The Social Events Committee is organizing the Harvest Fair scheduled for October. It has potential to make money for the congregation and bring the outside community to us.

On the final point regarding governance, I must thank Nancy Rose for leading the board toward more of a governance role instead of a management function. As we grow and mature as a

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Your chance to serve . . .

The Storehouse serves free dinners every Friday night at First Church of God on Allen Avenue in Peace Dale. Our congregation



volunteers at The Storehouse. We need two more volunteers to help out with serving and cleaning up.

We only work once every eight weeks, and it's easy work. We also get to enjoy the free dinner, which always includes enough protein, healthy fruits and salad and cooked veggies, and of course delicious, often home-baked, desserts.

Please call Lynda Wells if you're interested in volunteering to serve and clean up once every eight weeks.

It's not too late for Ferry Beach!

Spaces are still available for you at the Ferry Beach Unitarian Universalist Camp & Conference Center, in Saco, Maine, just south of Portland. A tempting variety of conferences and workshops are available for families, couples, and singles, or you can just sign up for a vacation week. Camp out in the Grove or enjoy sea breezes in the comfortable dorm-style buildings. The meals are wonderful meals, and ice cream is served at 4 p.m. Visit www.ferrybeach.org/ for more information. Foulkrod. It is my summertime "spirit home." Maybe I'll see you there!

– Essay Foulkrod

The President's Letter

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congregation, we will need to shift responsibilities to the individual committees for day to day management of their respective areas. I will continue that process as we move into our transition period in preparation for our next settled minister.

Last, I want to share a story about a church that was once strong and viable, fell into decline, and finally closed its doors. I do not think we

are in imminent danger of that, but our long term goals need to be balanced against what could happen and why it happens to some churches. It is an article worth reading, and thanks to Rich and Brenna Evans for bringing it to my attention. You can find it at:

<http://thomrainer.com/2013/04/24/a-utopsy-of-a-deceased-church-11-things-i-learned/?emid=PastorsToday-D>

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(or go to <http://thomrainer.com/> and look for the April 24, 2013 blog entry).

In closing, we have completed nine successful years with Betty.

The future is wide open. Let's all figure out what that future should look like. It may not be easy, but we can make it exciting and fun. –

Steve Harrison

Beginning our Journey Together

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Here, as stated in my contract with the board, are the tasks of interim ministry:

- Assist the congregation in claiming and honoring its past and in healing its grief and conflicts.
- Illuminate the congregation's unique identity, its strengths, its needs, its challenges.
- Clarify the multiple dimensions of leadership, both ordained and lay, and aid the congregation in navigating the shifts in leadership that accompany times of transition.
- Renew connections with available resources, within and beyond the UUA.
- Enable the congregation to renew its vision, strengthen its stewardship, prepare for new professional leadership, and engage its future with anticipation and zest.

See you in August,

Rev. Judy

'Share the Plate' will aim for financial empowerment

In 2011, this congregation started a program called Share the Plate in which we give the first collection of each month to a charitable group. All the money collected during that Sunday service, except for cash or checks identified as pledges, is donated. So far, our congregation has donated a total of \$13,561, an average of \$502 per collection.

Our Senior Youth Group chose the June Share the Plate recipient, The Storehouse in Peace Dale. That donation of \$714 was the fifth highest to date. Each year, the Coming of Age group—or the Senior Youth Group in alternate years when there is no COA class—will select the June Share the Plate recipient. We want to truly involve our youth in



the practice of philanthropy and to awaken their idealism. Congratulations to the youth group for inspiring a donation of this size!

This spring, the Share the Plate Team conducted an analysis of prior donations. Recipients have largely been selected randomly, and we wanted to know what kind of organizations have received a Share the Plate donation (local, state, national, international) and what type of cause those organizations work for (relief, empowerment, environmental, justice).

We found a remarkable balance among donees, considering the random selection process. Ten of the 27 collections went to local organizations, including the first three in 2011. These ten collections went to four recipients that were chosen in part because they are our partners in the community. Of the others, eight were "state" recipients, six were "environmental" recipients, and

seven collections went to national or international groups. Four collections went to organizations with empowerment functions.

As a result of the analysis, we believe we should use our donations to help empower people in meaningful ways to become economically self-sufficient. One effective way to do this is through micro finance—financial services geared to the poor and very poor who are traditionally excluded from formal banking institutions. Extending micro credit in the form of small loans to cooperatives or non-profit groups helps these people start their own businesses.

We plan to invest the summer collections through Oikocredit (<http://oikocreditusa.org/>), an international financial cooperative founded by the World Council of Churches in 1975. Its mission is to "promote global justice by challenging people, churches and others to share their resources through socially responsible investments and by empowering disadvantaged people with credit."

Oikocredit combines investor money primarily from the developed world and redistributes it to responsible micro finance institutions and development-oriented organizations, mostly in the developing world.

For an investment of \$250 or more, an investor receives a Definitive Community Note. The investor chooses a term of one, two, or five years and an interest rate between 0% and 2%. Interest is paid annually, and the investor can add to the investment. At the end of the term, the investor can choose to redeem the interest, reinvest it with the prin-



icipal, or donate it to Oikocredit.

We plan to select the 2% interest rate, add to the loan principal annually through our summertime Share the Plate collections, and reinvest the principal and interest at the end of each term.

We hope you find this an exciting way to invest in empowering people, and donate accordingly in the July and August collections. If you can't make it to the summer services when we collect for Share the Plate, you can send a check to UUCSC (27 North Road, Peace Dale, RI 02879). Be sure to write "Oikocredit STP" on the memo line of the check.

The Share the Plate Team (Jean Bowen and Rich Evans) is seeking congregation members to be advocates for potential recipients of the collections. As an advocate, you would nominate a non-profit charitable organization, help representatives of the organization fill out a simple application form, and serve as a liaison between the organization and UUCSC, making the congregation aware of the organization's mission and its relevance to our social mission. If you're interested, please speak to Jean or Rich or to Lisa Petrie, chair of the Social Action Committee.

Currently we have "open" collections for September, January, February, and April. We would like to hear your suggestions for how we should select recipients. We plan to conduct a discussion after the Sunday service sometime in early Fall.

— Rich Evans



SHARE THE PLATE DONATIONS

YEAR	MONTH	RECIPIENT	MISSION	TYPE	AMOUNT
2011	Jan	Welcome House	local partner	local	\$399
	Feb	Jonnycake Center	local partner	local	\$400
	March	The Storehouse	meal provider	local	\$600
	April	UUA Japan Fund	disaster relief	denominational	\$432
	May	International Institute	immigration support	state	\$815
	June	RICMA Healthy Families	Muslim partnership	state	\$377
	Summer	Amnesty International	political prisoners	international	\$210
	Sept.	Welcome House	emergency appeal	local	\$779
	Oct.	Sierra Club R.I.	environmental	state	\$476
	Nov.	Conopac - Peru	congregation presence	international	\$561
	Dec.	Jonnycake Center	local partner	local	\$819
2012	Jan	<i>(Collection was stolen)</i>			
	Feb	Tomaquag Indian Museum	education	local	\$400
	March	911 monument (Penn.)	memorial	nationa	\$446
	April	Welcome House	local partner	local	\$617
	May	Ctr. for Biological Diversity	education	national	\$422
	June	No More Deaths (Arizona)	immigration justice	national	\$378
	Summer	Planned Parenthood R.I.	reproductive rights	state	\$597
	Sept.	Domestic Violence Center	human dignity	state	\$486
	Oct.	UUA Immigration Office	curriculum	denominational	\$93
	Nov.	Marriage Equality RI	equal rights	state	\$559
	Dec.	Jonnycake Center	local partner	local	\$710
2013	Jan	Edu. Fund Stop Gun Viol.	gun control	national	\$504
	Feb	350 org	global warming	international	\$464
	March	RI Interfaith Power & Light	interfaith partner	state	\$396
	April	R.I. Saltwater Anglers	environmental	state	\$346
	May	Welcome House	local partner	local	\$561
	June	The Storehouse	meal provider	local	\$714

Farewell, Betty!

We said goodbye to Rev. Betty Kornitzer on Friday, June 14 with a really swell party that included an elegant potluck dinner, performances by the UUCSC Choir and by Nick Smith and the Repercussions, dancing, and a lot of hugging.



Two church picnics this summer! Twice as much fun!

Continuing an annual tradition, we'll hold two church picnics this summer.

The first picnic will be at noon on Sunday, July 21 at the home of Annmarie Denelle, 114 River Street in Wakefield. The second picnic will be at noon on Sunday, August 25 at the home of Virginia Carter, 619C Ministerial Road in South Kingstown.

Our interim minister, Judith Smith-Valley, will join us at the August picnic.

Bring your own chair, lawn games, and a dish or beverage to share.

Remember that adults are responsible for the safety of all children in their family group.

You can bring your canoe or kayak to both locations; swimming is also available at Virginia Carter's.

If you'd like to volunteer to bring disposable plates, tableware, beverage cups, or napkins, or if you're willing to help with set-up or clean-up so that our very kind hosts are not overburdened, please sign up in the binder located in the Oneto Community Room.



Enjoy good food and good company at Circle Pot Lucks

Members and friends of UUCSC are enjoying good food and good company at Circle Pot Lucks.

Participants get together in groups of six to eleven adults for a meal during the second week-end of each month. Circle Pot Lucks, which started

in October 2012, are a great opportunity to get to know members of our community in a way that goes beyond the quick

chats at Coffee Hour, or the limited personal interaction of meetings. Ever wonder about the travel or hobby interests of someone you see at Sunday service? How did someone get involved in a particular activity? Certainly Joys & Sorrows tell, in brief, something in the heart of people with whom we worship. But only while sitting around sharing a leisurely meal can we hear stories, anecdotes, cooking tips and life journeys in a relaxed atmo-



sphere away from microphones and time constraints.

It's easy to join the fun. Watch for the all-church e-mails with "CPL" or "Circle Pot Lucks" in the subject line. Each time you can attend, simply respond to the e-mail address 'willattendcirlcepl@hotmail.com.' The host will contact you about what item you can bring to add to the meal. When you speak with the host, you can share any dietary concerns you may have. Some Circles include wine, and some don't.

We used to arrange Circle Pot Lucks by individual telephone calls, but once we exceeded fifty participants, that became unwieldy. Every effort is made to rearrange the participants in each circle. Some repeats will occur, but with even one or two changes in the mix, there are likely to be new conversations. There is no obligation to take part every month, so try it once or twice, or whenever you can attend.

Feel free to speak with Linda Whyte Burrell if you have a question that hasn't been answered here. Hope to see you at a Circle!

— Linda Whyte Burrell

This Summer's Flowers

The floral arrangements at the front of the sanctuary, entitled "Zen Summertime," were created by the design team of Roni Meyer and Patience Peck.



From the Office Administrator

The church office is closed for July and most of August, reopening on Tuesday, August 27. During July and August, if you wish to book an event on the calendar, please contact Mary Pinch. If you have questions or concerns that need a timely response, please contact Steve Harrison, UUCSC President.

— Kathy Carland



Letters to the Editor

***A Note from the Editor:** Beginning in this month's issue of the South County Unitarian Universalist, we're reserving a place for you to express your views. Your contributions are welcome and encouraged. Please feel free to choose your topic. Congregation president Steve Harrison and I ask only that all discussions in our faith community be conducted with compassion and respect for others who hold different views.*

Whistleblower punished for embarrassing Obama

If you or I do something bad, we would prefer that others not learn of it. Criminals go so far as to bribe, beat or kill witnesses to prevent them from testifying.

But presidents have another option. A president anxious to keep hidden an illegal action or an embarrassing memo simply classifies it "secret." Then if a whistleblower reveals something, prosecute him for "aiding the enemy."

President Obama holds a record. He has prosecuted more whistleblowers than all other presidents in our history combined. (He prosecutes whistleblowers who expose government's offenses. He praises those who expose corporate wrongdoing.)

Perhaps the most notable prosecution is that of Pfc. Bradley Manning. Manning was a 21-year-old Army intelligence analyst in 2009 when he discovered that U.S. secret documents contradicted U.S. official reports about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was particularly shocked by a video of a 2007 U.S. helicopter attack on people on a street in Baghdad. In the video (www.collateralmurder.com), helicopter crews fired on civilians,

claiming they were armed. As they fired, the crews were heard saying "Light 'em all up" and "Look at those dead bastards."

Seeing a badly-injured man trying to drag himself to safety, a gunner in a helicopter was heard wishing the man would pick up a weapon so they could shoot him again. It didn't appear that the injured man was capable of picking up anything. But the gunner killed him anyway.

Soon rescuers came in a van to help the injured, and they too were shot. When the shooting stopped, American troops on the ground found two injured children in the van. They blamed the Iraqis: "It's their own fault for bringing their kids to a battle," said one voice on the recording. "That's right," said another.

Soldiers carried the children away—presumably to an Iraqi hospital. It is unknown whether they survived.

Knowing his obligation to report war crimes, Manning went to his superior officers regarding this and other atrocities he discovered. He got a further shock when his superiors refused to act. Eventually he gave the information to Wikileaks.

In addition to records of war crimes, including torture of prisoners, Manning turned over memos

and cables that embarrassed Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. So Manning was quickly punished. He was incarcerated in solitary confinement upon his arrest in 2010.

There had been no trial, but President Obama declared Manning guilty. After three years of punishment, Manning's trial only recently began—on June 3.

Among the people killed in that 2007 helicopter attack were two Reuters reporters. In hopes of preventing more such killing of its employees, Reuters sought a copy of the video under the Freedom of Information Act. For two years the U.S. rejected the request. And the video would probably still be secret but for Bradley Manning and Wikileaks.

Mr. Obama wants Manning imprisoned for life for "aiding the enemy." The irony is that the "enemy" (Iraqis and Afghans, I suppose) already knew what the United States was doing to them.

The purpose of punishing Bradley Manning is to keep him and others from revealing the truth to Americans.

President Obama shows no interest in punishing people for committing war crimes, only for revealing them.

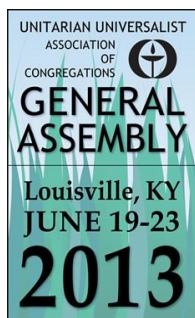
Rod Driver

General Assembly 2013 in Louisville

More than 3,400 people attended the 2013 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, which closed on June 23.

Highlights of the meeting included the election of Jim Key as the new UUA Moderator for a six-year term, the re-election of the Rev. Peter Morales as UUA President for a second four-year term, a worship and rally for environmental justice that drew more than 2,000 participants.

Delegates overwhelmingly approved a Statement of Conscience regarding "Immigration as a Moral Issue." Delegates also voted to approve three Actions of Immediate Witness:



- "Support the Proposed 28th 'We the People' Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Corporations are Not Persons and Money is Not Speech."
- "Condemn the Mass Incarceration, Killing, and Mistreatment of Young Men of Color by Police."
- "Consider Divestment from the Fossil Fuel Industry."

The collection from the Sunday morning worship service went to Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light (KIPL). KIPL's mission is to "protect God's creation by mobilizing a religious response to global warming through conservation, efficiency and alternative energy."

Detailed coverage of the agenda, justice work, and worship at GA can be found on the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/ga/2013/>.

Dining and Doing for Dollars Auction coming this Fall!

Beginning in the Spring of 2010, we have held seven Dining for Dollars silent auctions, raising more than \$36,000 for our congregation. By all account, everyone—the hosts and the guests—has had a great time at these events. Now it's time to mix it up a bit, so this Fall, we're going to try something different. Many of our congregants have special skills and talents that would be perfect to share with others. We'd like to auction off those skills to the highest bidders and raise always-needed funds for UUCSC.

Maybe you're a lawyer and would be willing to write a will or another legal documents for a winning bid. Or maybe your passion is gardening, and you'd like to donate a certain number of hours of yard work. I know there's a group of guys out

there who have construction tools and know how to use them. And let's not forget that we have some women who are equally adept and



competent with power tools who might be willing to donate some time to a lucky bidder. Do you have computer skills? Do you really understand how all this tech stuff works? Someone out there could use a good tutorial. Maybe you like cooking or baking but don't have room to host a dinner party. Could you donate a "soup of the month"

or "bread of the month" to the highest bidder? Children's birthday parties, pet sitting, home care, adventures of any kind, boat rides, a villa in Tuscany? All would be perfect for our next auction.

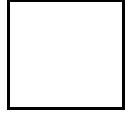
And, lest you think we might be thinking about throwing the baby out with the bath water, not to worry—you can still offer wonderful dining events for which folks can bid on a place at the table. Start thinking now of what you might want to offer. We'll start putting our next auction together in early September, so while you're enjoying the lazy, hazy and humid days of summer, let your mind wander to your special talent that someone would bid big bucks to win. Don't forget to let me know!

— Nancy Rose

Coming in September: Wellness Workshops

The Wellness Team will offer free one-hour wellness workshops each month beginning in September. The initial focus will be on relieving anxieties and worries. Later, we will address topics as requested. Our first workshop will take place on Sunday, September 29. Please see the September issue of the *South County Unitarian Universalist* for more details. — Lynda Wells

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

“Thank goodness my education was neglected
and the originality was not rubbed off.”

– Beatrix Potter (1866–1943)



Beatrix Potter was an English author, illustrator, natural scientist and conservationist best known for her imaginative children's books, including 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit.' The daughter of well-to-do Unitarians, she was educated by private tutors until she was 18.

When she died, she left almost all of her property to the National Trust, and is credited with preserving much of the land that now comprises the Lake District National Park.

Beatrix Potter was born 147 years ago this July.