



HOPEDALE UNITARIAN PARISH

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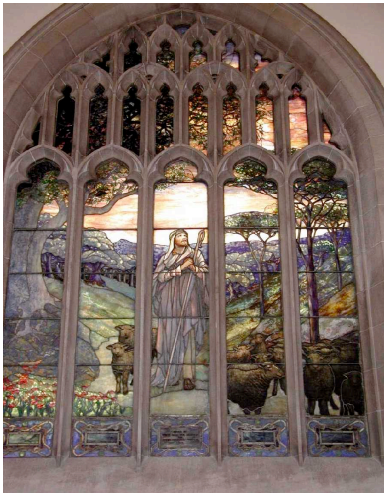
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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Hopedale Unitarian Parish's

Monthly Newsletter

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From the Minister's Study



As I write this article, I am sitting in the backyard of my family farm in Kansas contemplating the coming church year. Yesterday this area of the Great American

Prairie got a break from the heat (113 degrees the previous day), so I decided to do some farm maintenance work—filling erosion gullies with old railroad ties and brush from tree trimming. As I was unloading railroad ties from a pickup truck into the gullies, I thought of farmer-poet Wendell Berry who taught college English, farmed and wrote poetry. One of my favorite Wendell Berry poems is this one called “The Peace of Wild Things:”

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake rests
in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water,
And I feel above me the dayblind stars waiting with
their light,
For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

There is a lot of fear around these days--fear of economic collapse, fear of terrorists, fear of shifts in political power in this country, fear of global catastrophe. Then there are those everyday concerns about paying the bills, how our

children and grandchildren are doing, the uncertainties of employment and incomes, and our health and well-being.

As Wendell Berry observed, a journey into nature beside some stream or pond is one place to find respite from these fears and concerns where we can to gain perspective. Another place to find the same respite and gain is in a spiritual community like Hopedale Unitarian Parish. I write “spiritual community” because some churches are not spiritual communities because they increase fear in people and create divisions that lead away from peace, compassion, and love. Places like Hopedale Unitarian Parish provide the opportunity to find peace, compassion and love in the midst of it all; to put aside fear, worry, grief, and concern; and to “rest in the grace of the world” for awhile.

Each of you will have the opportunity during the All-Congregation Conference to express what this spiritual community, this church, means to you, what you would like it to become in the years to come, and what values you want Hopedale Unitarian Parish to sustain. These may be values like Wendell Berry expressed in his poem—like peace, inspiration, insight into the nature of things and other values like caring, compassion, providing board religious perspectives to our children and youth that will enrich their lifetimes, meaningful and fun connection with others, and making a difference in the world.

Please come on Friday evening October 21 and all day Saturday October 22 to participate in this event that will set the direction for Hopedale Unitarian Parish in the coming years. Everyone's opinion counts and matters.

We begin our new church year at our Ingathering at 10:30 am, Sunday September 11. I look forward to seeing each of you. This is going to be a wonderful church year with lots of fun, connections, inspirations and good works. Many Blessings,



Rev. Dr. Paul Hull
Minister

RE Schedule for September:


September 11: Intergenerational Service.
Registration begins

September 18: We will have a visitor from the Blessing Barn Food Pantry! She will discuss why there is a food pantry, what do they do, and how we can help. After this we will have our fun food hunt and donate the items to the Blessing Barn! Registration continues.

September 25: Trip to Adin Ballou Park. We will talk about the importance of Adin Ballou and we have a statue of him in Hopedale! Then we will have some summer fun and also make a delicious snack for coffee hour! Registration continues.

Teachers: Please see me to fill out CORI form. You must provide driver's license for copying.

If you have any questions please email me at kkvansant@comcast.net

We hope you have enjoyed the ! Please remember to bring water from your summer sojourns for our Ingathering Service and Water Communion on **September 11, 2011**



The 2011/2012 Church Calendar is attached.

Hard copies will be available at the rear of the church. Changes to the calendar will be announced in the newsletter.



FLOWERS – GREETERS - USHERS

September 11 -- Ingathering

FLOWERS: Given by Mrs. Jean Draper Means and Richard Draper in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Draper
GREETER: Marjorie Horton
USHERS: Fred Oldfield, III

September 18

FLOWERS: Given by William and Nancy Gannett in memory of Nancy Carroll Draper
GREETERS: William and Nancy Gannett
USHERS: Richard & Sharyn Johnson

September 25

FLOWERS: Given by Jack and Judy Michna in memory of their son, John Michna Jr. and Judy's parents, Alson and Marion Papeneau
GREETERS: Jack and Judy Michna
USHERS: Marcia Matthews & Alice Jacobson



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 8 from 2 – 7 pm

**Hopedale Community House
43 Hope Street – Hopedale
800 RED CROSS**

Appointments Preferred...

Walk-ins Welcome!

Positive ID Required

The need for blood is constant! Each pint of blood can save up to three hospital patients. The Red Cross must collect **3,000 pints of blood a day** in New England to meet patient needs.

Please Donate!

FREE SOUTHWICKS ZOO ADMISSION FOR ALL DONORS!



Attention Committees!

Please remember to contact the church office to verify availability of the parish hall for committee meetings and functions.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Kris Kringle Fair

Mark your calendar This year's fair will on **Saturday, November 12, 2011.**

Dear Members and Friends,

Announcing a "Kris Kringle Workshop" Sunday, September 11 following the Coffee Hour

Here are some of the crafts we will be working on!

"Come as you are" to lend a hand, come with a craft idea, come with a craft idea and the materials -- **but come, just come as you are!**

Snowman Soup: Candy Cane Soup



Reindeer Chow (Chex Mix)



We Whisk you a Merry Christmas (if we can find the Whisk for \$1 or less).



Santa's Magic Key (for those who don't have a chimney)...



Calling on ALL COMMITTEES to take on responsibility for Sunday Coffee Hour!

The Parish Board is asking all church committees to take on hosting coffee hour, since there are a very limited number of Kitchen Committee members (well, there is really just one).

The schedule assigning each church committee to run Coffee Hour on one or more specific Sundays, depending upon the size of the committee follows.

Please take a moment now to mark you calendar. Each committee chair will need to coordinate with their committee members to take responsibility for

making coffee and providing refreshments, as well as for cleaning up after Coffee Hour.

Coffee Hour is one of the most important parts of our church life. It is a great opportunity to visit with each other on Sunday morning, and it is an especially good way to greet guests and make new-comers feel welcome.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions about this new (and hopefully temporary) policy, feel free to talk to any member of the Parish Board.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE 2011-12

Sept 11, 2011:	Ingathering Picnic
Sept 18, 2011:	Parish Board
Sept 25, 2011:	Social Action
Oct 2, 2011:	Membership
Oct 9, 2011:	Finance/Investment
Oct 16, 2011:	Partnership Potluck
Oct 23, 2011:	Visiting, Caring Connection
Oct 30, 2011:	RE
Nov 6, 2011:	Nominating, Scholarship Committees
Nov 13, 2011:	Worship
Nov 20, 2011:	Joint Thanksgiving Service @ Union Church
Nov 27, 2011:	Buildings and Grounds, Garden Committees
Dec 4, 2011:	Music and Choir
Dec 11, 2011:	Ministerial Advisory
Dec 18, 2011:	Brunch With Santa
Dec 25, 2011:	No Service
Jan 1, 2012:	Historical, Web, Alliance
Jan 8, 2012:	Parish Board
Jan 15, 2012:	Social Action
Jan 22, 2012:	Membership
Jan 29, 2012:	Finance/Investment
Feb 5, 2012:	Partnership, Visiting Committees
Feb 12, 2012:	RE
Feb 19, 2012:	Caring Connection, Nominating Committees
Feb 26, 2012:	Worship

Mar 4, 2012:	Pledge Drive Kick-off— Finance/Investing
Mar 11, 2012:	Buildings and Grounds, Garden Committees
Mar 18, 2012:	Music and Choir
Mar 25, 2012:	Historical Committee, Web, Alliance
Apr 1, 2012:	Ministerial Advisory
Apr 8, 2012:	Easter— Parish Board
Apr 15, 2012:	Membership
Apr 22, 2012:	Earth Day-- Social action
Apr 29, 2012:	Partnership, Visiting
May 6, 2012:	RE
May 13, 2012:	Mother's Day— Caring Connection, Nominating
May 20, 2012:	Worship, Scholarship
May 27, 2012:	Buildings and Grounds, Garden
June 3, 2012:	Annual Meeting— Parish Board
June 10, 2012:	Music and Choir
June 17, 2012:	Ministerial Advisory

“Speak Out To Worship:

A Worship Conversation”

Sunday, September 25, 11:45 to 12:30 in the church office

Sunday worship is central to the life of Hopedale Unitarian Parish. Come and express your opinion about worship at HUP—what you like, what you would like to see different, what your deepest aspirations for worship would look like if expressed at HUP. Express what worship means to you. Is there a reading that you particularly like and would like to share with others on Sunday morning? Is there a sermon topic that you would like to hear explored on Sunday morning?

Progressive Christian theologian Matthew Fox said this about worship:

Worship is the playing out of the cosmic drama in our psyches and social groupings. As such it is the ultimate folk art--the ultimate work of creativity in the emerging era of creativity. Living worship, based on a living cosmology, creates a people and heals a people; it celebrates a people and their amazing place in the universe.

Let's find ways that as many people can share in this "ultimate folk art of worship."

BUDDHIST MEDITATION CONTINUING IN OCTOBER

If you are interested in participating in regular Buddhist meditation at HUP, please let Rev. Hull know whether Wednesdays or Thursdays are best for you. We will meet twice each month on one of those days when we can get the highest participation.

Rev. Hull will lead Buddhist meditation twice each month at HUP. The sessions start at 7:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Each session consists of instructions in meditations, two sessions of sitting meditation (Zazen), session of walking meditation (kinhin), and reading of a dharma talk from one of several Buddhist masters. Rev. Hull has received meditation instruction from Buddhist Master Thich Nhat Han and from the Zen Mountain Monastery in Woodstock, New York.



HOPEDALE'S ANNUAL DAY IN THE PARK

We need volunteers!!!

**For our 1st Fundraiser of the
New Church Year**

***Our usual Day in the Park Fundraiser
Chairperson will be away this year, so we need
lots of helping hands to pull this off.**

**Hopedale's Day in the Park
Saturday, September 10
Rain date: Sunday, September 11
Hopedale Town Park 10am-4pm**

We are selling Soda & Baked Goods.

- *We need bakers to donate individually wrapped single serving baked goods.
- *We need 12 people to volunteer 1 hr of their time to sell. (Pick a friend and volunteer a particular hr.)
- *We need 4 people who will arrive early to set up the tent. (With instruction and help from the owner)
- *We need 4 people who will come to breakdown the tent. (With instruction and help from the owner)

You don't have to be from Hopedale to enjoy the festivities; you just have to enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners and working together to make this a great fundraiser.

**Please contact Rita or Steven Earl at
rita.earl@gtc-bio.com or 508-529-4701 if you are
able to help.**

ADULT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT COURSE QUESTIONNAIRE COMING SOON.

Rev. Hull will be offering several adult spiritual enrichment programs this year, and he would like to know which program you might be interested in attending. Look for a questionnaire in mid-September about your interests in such courses as "Exploring a Course in Miracles," "Bible Study for Progressive Thinkers," "Happy for No Reason," "Minding Body; Mending Mind: Change Your Thoughts; Improve Your Health," "Developing Your Own Divine Intuition," "The Implications of the New Science on Religious Thought," "Crafting Your Own Spiritual Autobiography," "The Jesus Gospel Through New Eyes," and "How to Create a Sustainable Transition Community Locally."

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Church Year 2011/12:

(9 Worship Committee Sundays)

New Structure:

In the interest of opening the worship experience we are restructuring the Worship Committee. The Committee will now consist of the **Core Group**: Rev Hull, Betty Flodin, Jody Buck and Sandy McCandless. The core group will meet monthly.

Associate Members: The associate member will not be required to attend monthly meetings. The associate members will be those that have an interest in contributing to a service; may conduct a service, may wish to do a sermon, may wish to do readings etc. **Congregation:** In an effort to open lay involvement in the worship experience. Rev Hull will lead a "**Speak Out to Worship: A Worship Conversation**" discussion group 3 times this year the first will be offered on September 25 and will follow the morning worship.

Chalice Lighters: Jody Buck - Recruiter

Readers: Sandy McCandless – Recruiter

Please contact Jody or Sandy if you would like to participate by lighting the chalice or reading at the service.

Our summer book is George RR Martin's **Game of Thrones**. We will read just first book in the series. There is a series on HBO that depicts the first book. It is very well done. In September we will meet on September 12 at 7 pm. See you then.

FACEBOOK

Keep in touch and stay informed about Hopedale Unitarian Parish activities by becoming a fan of HUP on Facebook and following HUP on Twitter. The short link to access the Facebook page is: <http://on.fb.me/hopedaleuu> or you can search for "Hopedale Unitarian". Become a Fan of HUP by clicking on the LIKE button!

Remember, to view the page **you do not need a Facebook account.**

Hope you take a minute to visit and check out the events postings!

All-Congregation Conference
October 21and 22
Uniting Us for the Future!
Come share your visions and values!
All-Congregation Conference
October 21and 22.

You probably have already seen something about the All-Congregation Conference that is happening on October 21 and 22. You probably have received a letter and registration card for the event or a postcard asking you to reserve the date.

And, if you haven't received a call from someone on the conference Steering Committee by now, you will be receiving one soon.

A Steering Committee of a cross-section of HUP was formed by your Parish Board last January to work with Rev. Dr. Larry Peers, Senior Consultant, Alban Institute, Inc. the premier church consulting group in the U.S. Dr. Peers' expertise is helping congregations grow and revitalize.

Dr. Peers, a UU minister, will lead the members and friends of Hopedale Unitarian Parish through several conversations about the meaning and purpose of

Hopedale Unitarian Parish and what the future of this church might be. Everyone's opinions and dreams matter!

Please come and share what this wonderful community of Hopedale Unitarian Parish means to you and how we might extend this community to others to make it even stronger in the future.

You may have received email, over the last several weeks, quoting members of Hopedale Unitarian Parish about what this church means to them. Fred Oldfield wrote this about the meaning and importance of Hopedale Unitarian Parish in his life:

*"When I think of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish I think of family, friends, and history. I was born and brought up in this church and am a fifth generation of my family to be a member. My grandmother, the late Marjorie Arnold Hattersley's grandparents were married by Adin Ballou in 1889. I have had many different roles in our church over the years. My favorite has been playing the chimes in the bell tower each Sunday before church. I have also seen many changes over the years and yet it has always been like my extended family. **These are exciting times in our church as we grow and explore who we are, remembering our history, and seeing what we have to offer to the greater community as an active, thriving Unitarian Universalist church.**"*

Kate Correa shared this:



*When my son was six years old he started asking questions about religion and my ideas of God. I would answer him by saying "Catholics believe" this or that. He stopped, looked at me, and asked "but Mommy, what do you believe?" **Now that we are members of the HUP we are finding out what we believe together.** My family was welcomed with open arms into the HUP family. As a member of the RE committee and a volunteer RE teacher I get a huge joy from seeing the kids eyes light-up when they make a personal connection*

with the lessons we are teaching. I credit my son's curiosity and constant questioning for bringing us to this open minded community, but the reasons we stay are because of the new friendships, the spiritual lessons, and the "come as you are" message that all are welcome.



Marge Horton shared this about Hopedale Unitarian Parish:

I value being a long time member of Hopedale Unitarian Parish because of the spiritual guidance and fellowship that is present in this beautiful church. I have long enjoyed serving on many committees and being a part of the pleasant get-togethers and services of the church. Tradition has always been a powerful part of our congregation, including the after church coffee hour, greeting new and old members and visitors. I recall the happy meetings of the "Mr. and Mrs. Club" where couples from surrounding towns joined in and also the presentation of the Very Special Springtime Lobster Salad Suppers prepared and served by the ladies and men of the church. The Ladies Alliance with its elected officers started in the early 1900s as a sewing circle and much later it became the largest money making organization in the church. Through the comradeship and devoted work of the committees there is also a yearly very successful Kris Kringle Fair, later followed by the inspirational Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, bringing families and friends closer together. The encouragement, wisdom, and blessings of our minister, Rev. Dr. Paul Hull, continue to add growth and love within this church. The peace and tranquility always present in this sanctuary, with its beautiful windows and grand organ music has always been a strong source of inspiration to me.

And our Church Administrator Valerie Clement has shared this about her association with HUP:

Becoming a staff member of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish has given me the opportunity to meet a wonderful group of dedicated church

members. This group has not only become my work associates but also friends. I was welcomed warmly by so many here who made me feel right at home. Some have been members for life, while others are new to the church family. Each brings their gifts to be shared willingly with the parish and larger community. I am fortunate to be connected to such a wonderful cross section of community members. The Hopedale Unitarian Parish has rich history and a promising future. Now is the opportunity for you to help shape that future together.

Now you know some of Fred's, Kate's, Marge's and Valerie's stories. Come and share your stories, your hopes, your dreams for Hopedale Unitarian Parish at the All-Congregation Conference on October 21 and 22 (Friday evening and all-day Saturday)

**Friday Evening October 21-
Saturday October 22
for the All-Congregation Conference
at Hopedale Unitarian Parish**

Pictorial Directory!

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- 🕒 Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait
- 🕒 You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing. .
- 🕒 The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- 🕒 You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.

⌚ Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Date for Photography and Portrait Viewing is Thursday, October 13. Appointments may be made between 2 pm and 9 pm. The 13th not good? We have scheduled this in conjunction with the Union Church. If the 14th or the 15th is more convenient, you may book an appointment to have your portrait taken at the Union Church for the HUP directory.

If you have questions, please contact Valerie Clement. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

Keep us updated...

Has your phone, email or address changed? If so please, send new information to the Valerie in the office to be included in the Fall Church Directory!

If you would like your birthday and anniversary noted in the newsletter and directory, please send names and dates to Valerie.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carol Laura	1	Matthew Touhey	2
Tony Alves	4	Carolyn Stanton	5
Kavita Vasant	9	Bill Ames	13
Paige McGrath	16	Betsy Sales	20
Martha Bell	22	Wanda Ashby	23
Cole Fennyery	26	Ethan Fennyery	26
Jerry Scherer	30		

& ANNIVERSARIES

M/M Shawn Ashby	1	M/M Ken Chan	5
M/M John Devendorf	9	M/M David Hensel	9
M/M Richard Johnson	11	M/M Jerry Scherer	11
M/M Stephen Gehm	19	M/M Tony Alves	22
M/M Nicholas Bocaccino	23	M/M Jack Michna	24
M/M Don Howes	25	M/M Al Elfland	28
M/M Stephen Lombardi	30		



Cellucci Martial Arts Institute!

C.M.A.I. continues to rent the parish hall to hold martial arts classes. The owner, Larry Cellucci, will

be conducting classes (both group and private) in the parish hall **late afternoons/early evenings, Monday through Thursday.**

If you are interested in signing up for a class or would like more info, you may contact him at 508-287-6279 or on the web www.celluccimartialarts.com

Sermon Topics

September 11:

9:00-9:45 am Community and Ecumenical 9-11 Service, Draper Place parking lot.

We will gather with area churches, community leaders, and political leaders for this service of remembrance of those who died in the 9-11 attacks and those who have died in wars since. We will say prayers of healing, peace, and understanding among all peoples. Music will be provided by the Hopedale Marching Band and Choir and Claflin Hill Symphony. The chimes of Hopedale Unitarian Parish will ring at the times when the planes crashed into the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania.

10:30 am Ingathering Celebration and Water Ceremony **Rev. Dr. Paul Hull**

We are celebrating our ingathering at the start of another church year. Bring a small container of water from a place that has significance for you. We will combine all the waters symbolic of ingathering all our experiences into church community. Rev. Hull will speak of the importance of religious community as supporting our higher hopes, better aspirations, and enjoyment of living in a homily titled "For the Celebration of Life."

Please plan to attend our annual ingathering picnic following the service. Many thanks to Janet Grant

and Alice Jacobson for coordinating this event. They will be contacting folks soon to request food donations for the picnic.

September 18:

**“The Evangelical UU” and Teacher Dedication.
Rev. Dr. Paul Hull and Kavita Vansant, Acting
Director of Religious Education**

“Evangelical” is derived from the Greek word “euangelion” meaning “good news.” We will explore what is our UU good news this morning. Some of our best good news at HUP is our religious education program where we educate our children and youth about religion rather than indoctrinate children and youth in a particular religious dogma. This Sunday, we will honor and dedicate our religious education teachers as part of sharing our good news.

September 25:

“Moving the Planet Toward Sustainability”

Rev. Dr. Paul Hull

Saturday, September 24 is the third global initiative organized by 350.org to draw attention for the need for climate change action. The theme of this year’s 350.org events is “Moving Planet.” Rev. Hull, who had a long career in environmental science and engineering before entering the UU ministry, will speak of the need to create a sustainable future through changing our communities. He will explore the transition community movement—a global initiative to make communities sustainable and reduce our dependency on fossil fuels. Rev. Hull will ask the question “Why not here?”

October 2: “I Care about Your Soul”

Rev. Dr. Paul Hull

This Sunday we will recognize our Coming of Age program—a program that matches youth with adult mentors as a way of nurturing the spiritual growth of our youth. Rev. Hull will explore our cultural need for mentors and ritual elders to help our youth to lead creative and spiritual lives. We need ritual elders and mentors who care deeply about the souls of our youth. Can you think of someone who mentored you and lifted your life at a crucial time?

**Please submit any information for the
October Newsletter by
Thursday, September 22.
Thanks for your cooperation!**

RE Room Renovations!

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of Marcia Matthews, Michele Alves and Kavita Vansant, the RE rooms now have a fresh coat of paint and new flooring! The rooms look terrific!

Oval HUP Lawn Sign

Thanks to the patience and perseverance of Bob Mallard, the HUP lawn sign is back. Bob generously donated his time to reassemble the sign after a storm had broken it into several pieces! Thanks Bob!

A bit of humor...

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor. Attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign:

“Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.
Caution: Do not step in exhaust.”



HOPEDALE UNITARIAN PARISH

Parish Board: Tony Alves, Chair; Becky Chan, Kathleen Schleper, Tracey Carter, John Devendorf, Judy Michna, Kern Buck

Ministry of:

Membership: Jody Buck, Tracey Carter, Debra Danforth, Tony Alves, Renee DeWolf

Finance/ Investment: Bill Gannett, Marge Horton, Janet Grant, Kathleen Schleper, Melissa Martin, Charlie Vansant, Steven Haynes, Fred Oldfield, III

Partnership: Ann Gary, Sandra Farrer, Claudia Hull, Kavita Vansant

Visiting: Polly Marquis, Chair; Sharyn Johnson, Peg Theriault, Tina Perry

Religious Education: Kate Correa, Chair, Alice Jacobson, Kathleen Haynes, John Martin, Tina Perry

Nominating: Tina Perry, Chair; Lou Grant

Worship: Betty Flodin, Jody Buck, Darcy Mitchell, Michele Alves, Sandy McCandless

Building & Grounds: Bob Mallard, Bill Touhey, Michele Alves, Marcia Matthews, Steven Gehm

Garden: Marcia Matthews, Chair; Michele Alves, Dona Neely

Caring Connection: Alice Jacobson, Chair, Kavita Vansant, Mona Gross, Lou Grant, Laura Aldrich

Music: Carol Devendorf, Glen Flodin, Peg Theriault

Scholarship: Nancy Gannett, Chair; Bill Gannett, Tina Perry, Michele Alves

Historical: Fred Oldfield, III, Deborah Kisatsky, Gordon Marquis, Tony Alves, Chris Schleper

Social Action/Green Sanctuary: Kathy Haynes, Chair, Becky Chan, Kavita Vansant, Kathleen Schleper, Kern Buck, Dona Neely, Laura Aldrich

Kitchen: TBD with Sandy McCandless

Webmaster: Richard Johnson, Adam Johnson, Tiffany Goddard

Ministerial Advisory Committee – Fred Oldfield, III, Janet Grant, Richard Johnson, Rita Earl, Kate Correa, Tina Perry, Peg Theriault

Our minister is an ex-officio member of all committees

Alliance (members at large): Nancy Gannett, Marjorie Horton

Choir: Rob Burke, Glen Flodin, Ann Gary, Karen Gehm, Janet Grant, Lou Grant, Kirsten McCandless, Judy Michna, Darcy Mitchell, Judith Oldfield