



All Souls Church
of Braintree
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST



The Chimes

September 2019 Monthly Newsletter

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All are Welcome to our Services

and Group Meetups. September 1 is our last summer service at 9:30 am in the parish hall. September 8, we return to our sanctuary with Service at 10:30 am, followed by food and conversation at an informal Coffee Hour. We are a welcoming congregation and our building is handicap accessible. Assistive listening devices are available.

Service Themes

September 1 at 9:30 am - Last Summer Service in the Parish Hall, Being in the Moment, led by Andrew Pearce. Following service, join us at the UU Church of Weymouth, 83 Sea Street in Weymouth, for an end of summer picnic.



September's Theme: What does it mean to be a people of expectation?
10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Sept 8: "Closer Than We Think: An Ingathering and Water Communion Service" with Rev. Joanna Lubkin

When we encounter others, singly or in community, what do we expect? What would happen if we expect connection? This Ingathering service includes a Water Communion ritual; bring some water from your summer travels or your kitchen sink, as we join our waters and our gifts together.

Sept 15: "All Are Called" with Rev. Aisha Ansano

Drawing inspiration from the movie Moana, we'll explore and imagine what we might be called to do or be. Guest preacher, Rev. Aisha Ansano, believes in the spirituality of food, the power of community, and the importance of self-care. She has served as Ministerial Intern at First Church in Boston, Youth Programs Coordinator at First Parish of Arlington, and is launching a dinner church in Malden.

Sept 22: "Great Expectations" with Rev. Joanna Lubkin

Ever notice how people tend to live up to our expectations -- for better or for worse? Rev. Joanna Lubkin will invite us into the spiritual practice of seeing the best in others and acting as if that was all we see.

Sept 29: "A People of Expectation: A Lay-Led Exploration"

This service, connecting congregant to congregant, gives us time to explore change, disruption, enoughness, and hope.

A Message from the Minister

Welcome to a new year, to a fresh start and to continue building on all that has come before. I'm delighted to begin this new ministry with All Souls, and to journey alongside you. A Meet and Greet in August gave us a chance to get to know each other -- and even for long-timers to discover new connections -- but I'm looking forward to getting to know you this fall. As a half-time minister, you can find me in the office on Mondays, in the pulpit two to three Sundays per month, and joining you at meetings and special events as often as possible.

This year, we'll be participating in the Soul Matters Sharing Circle, a network of Unitarian Universalist congregations who follow the same monthly themes so we can more easily share resources and create a web of support and connection. September's theme invites us to consider, "What does it mean to be a people of **expectation**?" Our worship services will give us a chance to delve deeply into these themes, as we explore our shared faith and our own spiritual journeys.

On September 8th, we'll celebrate our Ingathering Service with a **Water Communion**. Symbolic of all the places from which we've come and the gifts we bring to our community, you're invited to bring a little bit of water with you to church that Sunday morning (there will be a pitcher of water for those who have not brought some, so all can participate). Whether it's from an idyllic mountain stream or from your kitchen sink, your water and your gift is sacred.

When we next meet, please: remind me of your name, tell me about your life, and tell me what you're passionate about. I'm so grateful to be your minister.

All Souls Church members and friends

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From the Board of Trustees

Welcome back everyone to a new church year! We had a wonderful (if very hot) summer with interesting and informative services in the Parish Hall. Thank you to all who prepared and presented a service. On Sunday September 8, we will be back in the Sanctuary at 10:30. Our new minister, Rev Joanna Lubkin, will be leading with an ingathering water communion during this first service. For those who had a chance to meet and greet Rev Lubkin on August 17, I believe you can see that this will be an enthusiastic and interesting service. For those who have not yet met her, you are in for a treat.

This summer has brought us a lot of changes in the church office. We have a new model of administrative support. Dianne Shea will be starting on September 3 as a 10 hr. per week administrative assistant who will be in the office on Mondays and one other day later in the week (Thurs or Fri). She will also come on a Sunday once a month for a few hours. She comes to us with many years of administrative experience and will be responsible for supporting the Minister and Board, answering email, telephone and voicemail, making calendar updates, amending the membership directory, creating nametags, handling one-time church rentals, and ordering office supplies. Dianne can be reached at the church phone 781-843-1388 or email allsoulsbraintree@gmail.com

Maggy Evans has been hired as our webmaster and social media specialist. Maggy will work remotely from home to update and maintain our website, social media accounts (Facebook etc.), Chimes, weekly emails, and be the support person for the Yard Sale, Dickens Festival, and April Tea. You can reach her at ascbraintree@gmail.com.

Our Massachusetts Historical Society grant project has been completed. Spencer, Sullivan & Vogt (the preservation architectural firm) delivered a very comprehensive review of the state of the exterior of the church with treatment recommendations and cost estimates. The Board of Trustees is reviewing it now and we will make a summary of the recommendations available to you.

Mary Mitchell, John Cobble and Linda Steiner are hard at work on a grant application to the Braintree Town Community Preservation Committee for assistance in funding some of the needed work.

The Board of Trustees welcomed Maureen Crimmins as a new Trustee at Large and thanked Jessica Ellstrom for her work over this past year.

Again, welcome back to all and regards

Linda Steiner and Joe Maloney

Book Discussion Group

The book discussion group will resume monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month starting on September 3, 2019 at 7 pm in the Elliot room. We are presently reading and will discuss ***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See** at this upcoming meeting.

In nineteenth-century China, when wives and daughters were foot-bound and lived in almost total seclusion, the women in one remote Hunan county developed their own secret code for communication: nu shu (“women’s writing”). Some girls were paired with laotongs, “old sames,” in emotional matches that lasted throughout their lives. They painted letters on fans, embroidered messages on handkerchiefs, and composed stories, thereby reaching out of their isolation to share their hopes, dreams, and accomplishments.

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan is a brilliantly realistic journey back to an era of Chinese history that is as deeply moving as it is sorrowful. With the period detail and deep resonance of *Memoirs of a Geisha*, this lyrical and emotionally charged novel delves into one of the most mysterious of human relationships: female friendship.

On October 1, we will be discussing ***Becoming* by Michelle Obama**

In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world’s most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, *Becoming* is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations—and whose story inspires us to do the same.

Please join us for discussion, camaraderie, and some treats even if you have not read or completed the book.

Linda Steiner for the Book Discussion Group

Social Action

The Social Action and Environmental Committee (SAEC) will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm in the Elliot Room. Our September 10 meeting will be discussing reports on our work, such as the backpack collection. As well I am planning to hold discussion on work we see as important to take up, three issues in the discussion will be: (1) work we can do to help allies organize to save the earth and its peoples, (2) how can we relate to what I take to be the UUA’s growing interest in practical political work, such as voter registration, to express our faith out into the world, and (3) how can we involve, in the sense of making available participation in the work for those so moved, the All Souls community in the discussion and carrying out of what we see as important.

Chair - George Goss

School supply and backpack report

Through the very generous donations of so many of you, we were able to donate a total of 39 backpacks filled with needed school supplies to Braintree children. Here is the breakdown of schools receiving the backpacks: 10 to Ross Elementary School, 5 to Morrison Elementary School, and 24 to the South Middle School. In addition, we donated a box each of the “extra” school supply items to the Ross and South Middle Schools.

Thank you to everyone who contributed supplies and those that helped assemble the backpacks.



Braintree Community Food Pantry is seeking donations of household items such as laundry detergent, dish detergent, hand soap, toothpaste, and dish scrubbing sponges. Donations can be brought into church and Andy Pearce will get the items to the pantry.

Children's Programming

Here is a list of some of the programs we have in the works for this year.

Halloween trunk or treat: cars decorated for Halloween and kids can trick or treat from car to car and go inside the parish hall for refreshments and more Halloween crafts and activities.

Christmas party: we make holiday ornaments and watch Christmas movies

Valentines all ages dance

Spring kids' talent show/ coffee house

Secret Service will continue over the year with the following possible opportunities:

Kindness rocks (paint rocks and hide around the community)

Park clean up

Food drive

Toys for tots

Sock/glove drive

Plant church garden and create a story walk (a disassembled book where pages have been laminated and attached to stakes and placed along a walk) to encourage people to tour the garden.

Look for announcements in future Chimes and weekly emails

Danielle and Kevin McKenna

News from the Development Committee

The Development Committee has been busy planning the Craft and Yard Sale. We need help! Please consider volunteering especially for Setup Saturday morning, September 21 at 8 am

There are many opportunities to help with planning, pricing, selling, etc. Everyone enjoys working together and working towards our goal of a fun and fundraising day.

Volunteer Schedule: (Please save dates-we will need help)

Thursday, 9/19/19 Pricing 2 to 8 pm

Friday 9/20/19 Sandwich Making - time to be announced

Saturday, 9/21/19

Set Up 8 AM to 9:30 am

Volunteering at tables 9 am to 3 pm (any range of time)

Clean up 3 pm to 4 pm

Donations of clean, yard sale sellable items can be put on the stage in the church hall starting

September 8, 2019. Please, no books or clothing. Please do consider donating bagged clothing, shoes and linens to the clothing bin in the church parking lot.

No old computers, televisions, etc. It costs money to dispose of them. Thank you.

Signup sheets for volunteer opportunities will be available in the church hall starting in September. If you have questions or would like to help, contact any member of the committee: Diana Althouse, Joe Maloney, Daniela Osbourne, Marcia Flaherty or Sandra Lingley (sjlingley@gmail.com or 857-231-0495)

The Development Committee is meeting Sunday September 15, 2019 at noon in the Elliot Room. We will continue/finish planning the September Craft and Yard Sale. We welcome members and friends as well as anyone from our Braintree community and our UU community who is interested in planning and sharing ideas for a successful event.

Sandra Lingley Development Chair



**CRAFT & YARD
SALE**

**Saturday, September 21
10 am – 3 pm
All Souls Church
196 Elm St, Braintree**

Corner of Church & Elm Streets

**Come shop or sell!
Buy your lunch here!**

**\$35 Seller Space with church table and chair
\$25 Seller space only – bring your own table**

TO RESERVE A SPACE:

On line: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-yard-sale-tickets-94480061670>

**E-mail: allsoulsbraintree@gmail.com
Call: 781-843-1388**

Discounts available for All Souls Church members

**Rain or shine
Sale may be held in hall in case of rain**

Spiritual Writing Group

The writing group will meet September 25, 2019 at 4 pm in the Elliott Room. Our theme for September is the broad and inclusive subject of The Hero's Journey. It is a quest that usually

entails personal discovery as well as detectible results. A hero's journey may be a series of reflections that lead to inner awareness, or outward actions towards a factual achievement.

Diane Doucette

Membership

Welcome to our members, friends and guests! During our meetings to discuss membership, we have made changes reorganizing spaces within the church. Lauren got Braintree Lumber to donate a new display (which is movable) for hanging name tags. This display will be placed inside the sanctuary to encourage members to use them and have name tags for visitors & nonmembers in front as you enter.

Guests will receive a welcoming packet and a follow up thank you card for their visit. Also, we are in the process of updating our literature.

We are excited to work with our new Reverend Joanna Lubkin to include brief meditations in each service to encourage new members. Adding we are a Certified Green Environmental Sanctuary to our brochures may also encourage interest. Potlucks are a great way to invite friends to learn about our friendly community. We are very excited to have Maggy Evans back on our team. (Check out new video she made on our website ALLSOULSBRAINTREE.org) and with our new administrative assistant, Dianne Shea, we anticipate some ROCKIN FUN times.

Please feel free to comment.

Contact: Lauren McGrath, Membership Chairperson winningwellnesswarriors@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you and Namaste - our souls to yours,

Lauren McGrath & HONEYBOY,

(with the support of Joseph Maloney)

Community Social Potluck Supper

We will be resuming our community social potluck suppers beginning this month on

Saturday, September 28 at 6 pm.

For this month's potluck supper - please bring a dish to share and ideas for possible future activities. An ingredient list is appreciated in case of allergies.

I will be leading a discussion on future activities during the potluck dinners and welcome your thoughts.

Please contact Joe Maloney irishwit@gmail.com with any questions.

Braintree Folk Saturday, October 5, 2019



ZOE LEWIS

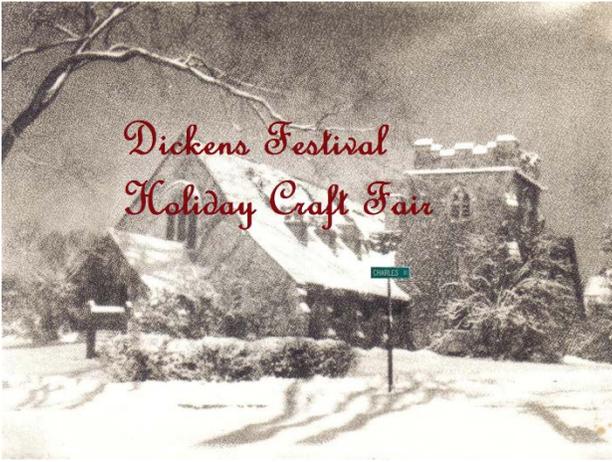
Barbara Phaneuf opens

7:30-10:00 pm (Doors open at 7:00)

Tickets in Advance through [Brown Paper Tickets](#) - \$15.00 + service fee

Ticket prices at door the night of the show - \$20.00 (if still available)

Zoe Lewis headlines the opening show of Braintree Folk's 7th season. Zoe is truly one of a kind - an accomplished musician through and through, fusing musical styles on a variety of instruments - from the piano to the spoons! She possesses a superb and wacky sense of humor that shines through her performances. Originally from England, Zoe has lived in Provincetown for the last 28 years. She travels nationally and internationally and has toured with Judy Collins, the Indigo Girls, Richie Havens and Nanci Griffiths. Affectionately known as "A band in a body," Zoe will totally entertain you, leave you with a smile and send you home in a joyous mood!



Countdown to Dickens

November 23, 2019

NOTE: All Artisan Spaces have been reserved. Waitlist is now open.

It's our 25th Dickens Anniversary!

Do you have any old Dickens Festival pictures, programs or news clippings, especially from the 1990's and early 2000's? If you have anything we could share in our retrospective, [please email](#) or bring it to church to be scanned and returned to you. Thank you!

Schedule

Next meeting date- Sunday, September 29 12 noon

Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27-people can start donating turkeys this weekend

Saturday, November 16- decorating the church for the festival beginning at 2 pm until finish. Snacks will be provided.

Wednesday, November 20- cooking of the turkeys beginning at 10 am

Thursday, November 21- making and baking of pies beginning at approximately 9 am

Friday, November 22- set up of Parish Hall in the evening-time TBA
drop off of bake table donations until 7 pm
cutting and carving of turkeys beginning at 12 noon and making stuffing
Artisan set up in sanctuary- 5 to 9 pm

Leadership for above schedule-

Kitchen: Tom Bularzik and/or Roger Hatch

Bake table: Kathy Pearce

Artisan setup in sanctuary: Mary Mitchell

Pie making and baking: Ross Edwards

Church decorating: Joe Maloney

Please [contact Joe Maloney](#) irishwit@gmail.com with any questions.

Outside Community

Dear Friends,

Hello! How are you? Happy end of summer!

For our 12th season, the FCO presents only ONE concert, on Saturday, Sept. 14, 1-3:15 PM at Old South Church, in the 850-seat sanctuary.

The program, entitled "Evviva La Polonia e L'Italia" includes: Rossini, Overture to La Gazza Ladra, plus arias from the Barber of Seville and Semiramide with Soprano Jenna Lorusso and Mezzo-Soprano Roselin Osser. Chopin, Piano Concerto in E Minor with soloist Jun Toguchi Also on the program is Lutosławski's "Mała Suita," a short chamber orchestra piece based on folk music from the Rzeszow region of Poland, composed in 1950.

Suggested Donation: \$16/ \$8 Students, but all are welcome. Tickets are available at the door only. Pictures and other details are on our attractive website:

www.FreisingerChamberOrchestra...

We hope you can attend, along with lots of friends. Feel free to forward this email to others. Our talented musicians play at a high level with tremendous conviction, so it will be another great concert, along with truly excellent soloists.

Old South Church is in Copley Square (645 Boylston St., Boston), easily accessible by the Green and Orange Lines. The FCO is a 501(C)(3) registered non-profit organization. Though we don't solicit during the year, contributions are welcome and much appreciated, especially since the cost of presenting a concert with 35 musicians in downtown Boston is significant.

Looking forward to staying in touch, and wishing you much joy and success.

Sincerely,

Peter Freisinger 917-405-8580

September 2019 Calendar – Please see Bulletin Board or our website for latest version of the calendar. Please [contact the church office](#) with any changes or corrections.

SEPTEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	9:30a Summer Service 11:30a Weymouth UU Picnic 7p G A in PH 7p Drumming	Labor Day 7p Quincy Bay AA	7p Book Discussion Group 8p AA in PH	6:45p Women's AWOL	7:30p Gay Men's Discussion Group 8p AA in ER			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	9a Choir Practice 10:30a Sunday Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 7p G A in PH	7p South Shore Singing Meditation 7p Quincy Bay AA	7:15p Social Action 8p AA in PH	6:45p Women's AWOL	8p AA in ER			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
9a Choir Practice 10:30a Sunday Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 12p Development 7p G A in PH	7p Board of Trustees 7p Quincy Bay AA	8p AA in PH	6:45p Women's AWOL	7:30p Gay Men's Discussion Group 8p AA in ER		10a Yard Sale		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
9a Choir Practice 10:30a Sunday Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 7p G A in PH	7p Quincy Bay AA	8p AA in PH	4p Writing Group 6:45p Women's AWOL	9:30a Home School Co-op 8p AA in ER		10a LGBT Senior Brunch 6p Pot Luck Supper		
29	30	OCTOBER	1	2	3	4	5	
9a Choir Practice 10:30a Sunday Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 12p Dickens Planning 7p G A in PH	7p Quincy Bay AA	7p Book Discussion Group 8p AA in PH	6:45p Women's AWOL	9:30a Home School Co-op 7:30p Gay Men's Discussion Group 8p AA in ER	2p Braintree Folk setup	7p Braintree Folk		

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**September 2019
Calendar Highlights**

Service

Sept 1 Sunday Service 9:30 am in the Parish Hall
Sept 8 Sunday Service resumes at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Weymouth UU Church Picnic, Sunday September 1 at 11:30 am 83 Sea Street, Weymouth
Drumming, Sunday September 1 at 7 pm
Book Group, Tuesday September 3 at 7 pm
Gay Men's Group, September 5 and 19 at 7:30 pm
South Shore Singing Meditation, Monday September 9 at 7 pm
Social Action/Environmental Committee, Tuesday September 10 at 7:15 pm
Development Committee, Sunday September 15 at 12 noon in Elliot Room
Board of Trustees, Monday September 16 at 7 pm
Craft and Yard Sale, Saturday September 21, 10 to 3 pm
Writing Group, Wednesday September 25 at 4 pm
Home School Co-op, Thursday September 26, 9:30 am to 11:30 pm meets weekly through mid-November
South Shore LGBT Seniors & Friends Brunch, Saturday September 28 at 10 am
Pot Luck Supper, Saturday September 28 at 6 pm
Dickens Planning Meeting, Sunday September 29 at 12 noon
Braintree Folk, Saturday October 5 at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7)