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Nantucket Unitarian Universalist Newsletter ~ July 2013

## Where Land and Sea Meet

Rev. David M. Horst, Interim Minister

Since our arrival on Nantucket my family and I have amassed a sizable collection of seashells from our forays to the many beaches: Sea clams, slippers, scallops, and moon. They make fine souvenirs of our time on Nantucket, but how many shells does anyone really need?

The large sea clam shells seem to attract children in particular. Perhaps they find the shells' size and heft intriguing. Or maybe the shells look useful for something: Scooping sand and water, providing a smooth interior for painting, or holding odds and ends or candy in their dish-like shape.

Alyson and I find the moon shells particularly hard to resist. They come in an array of sizes and shades, shaped like small swirling galaxies, and serve no purpose but to look pretty on the window pane or give as gifts to visiting guests. Scallop shells make nice necklaces and bring back memories of autumn days raking and gathering the exquisite mollusks for a sauté with garlic and butter. Slipper shells, while plentiful, have no purpose or beauty and get no love or attention—few of these made it home anyway.

We gathered up all the shells in and around the house, selecting a quantity of good ones to keep, and quickly filled two shopping bags to the brim with the discards. Now what to do? I suppose clam shells would make nice garden borders, but most likely they'd get stashed in the garage and forgotten. So it became my task to decide their disposition. I didn't want to toss them in the trash and have them buried useless and forgotten in the landfill, so I thought it best to return them to the place from whence they came—musing that my action might maintain the ecological balance in some small way.

One fine early summer afternoon my family and I made one of our regular beach visits, Madaket on this occasion. I carried my two bags of shells to the beach and began to throw them back. Quickly I discovered that the sea clams fly pretty well, and I entertained myself for 20 minutes or more by flinging them like flying saucers out into the surf. The moon shells and scallops weren't nearly as flight-worthy and just got tossed into the incoming tide without ceremony.

My task done, I folded my bags, tucked them under my arm, and walked on to join the rest of the family playing in the sand and surf. A little while later Alyson and I turned back and watched some other beach-goers bending over and picking up the moon shells I had left washing back and forth in the surf. Apparently they were as taken with moon shells as Alyson and I had been. We could see them examining the shells closely, discussing them, and then putting the treasures in their pockets.

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Join us for Sunday  
services each week!  
Choir practice at 10:00  
a.m. with religious educa-  
tion and services starting  
at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 7  
"Children of  
Tomorrow"

Sunday, July 14  
"A Nantucket  
State of Mind"

Sunday, July 21  
"Endings and  
Beginnings"

Sunday, July 28  
"The Faith  
We Make"  
(Rev. Horst &  
Rev. Simmons)

So it is when we arrive at a special place in our lives and then must leave. We take what memories we can carry, leave a few behind, and trust that others will discover the same magic and take with them a few special memories, too.

*“Where land and sea meet” is my Nantucket analogy for congregational life. A church lives in a tidal zone where our private and public lives meet and converge like the meeting place of the land and sea. My family and I depart from Nantucket at the end of July and relocate to Bergen County, N.J., where I begin a three-year Developmental Ministry at the Central Unitarian Church in Paramus. My thanks to all of the Meeting House members and friends who have made our time on Nantucket so rich and rewarding. We will miss you all. Please come to the Sunday morning service on July 21 when I present a sermon entitled “Endings and Beginnings,” in which I share my final thoughts and hopes for the congregation.*

## PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Linda Spery

As we move into the second half of 2013, it seems like a good time for us to take stock of where we are and where we’re headed as a congregation.

This month we conclude our interim ministry with Rev. David Horst and celebrate all of the many gifts and talents he and his family have brought to our church community. We will be forever grateful to Rev. Horst for the way he has served as a catalyst to reunite us as a congregation and to prepare us to welcome a new settled minister. He has performed the UUA-assigned tasks of an interim minister with great skill, diplomacy, sensitivity and courage.

All of Nantucket—far beyond the walls of the Meeting House--will miss David, Alyson, Domnica, Darly and, yes, the two time Daffodil Weekend dog contest winning Master McGrath, as they move to the new ministry in Paramus, New Jersey.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, July 21 when we will honor Rev. Horst and his family as a part of the Sunday service, followed by a brief semi-annual congregational meeting in Hendrix Hall and then a festive gathering for the Horsts in the church back yard. It will be a great day to reflect and rejoice.

Additionally this month, as we celebrate Rev. Horst’s ministry and continue to bask in the afterglow of a blockbuster Meeting House Auction on June 15-16 led by Jack Weinhold—we welcome Rev. Linda Simmons and her husband, Gary Langley. Rev. Simmons and Rev. Horst will lead the service on Sunday, July 28—another Sunday service you won’t want to miss!

## Opportunity Knocks

Linda Spery

Now is the time to step up and fill volunteer openings at the Meeting House!

As you know, volunteer committees and coordinators do the work of our congregation on a day-to-day basis. To stay within our budget and still provide the programming we want to offer, we have a small staff with specific responsibilities and need to rely on volunteers to fill leadership roles to be the best we can be as a congregation.

There are openings for a number of committees and coordinator positions right now. If you are not already volunteering for at least one task, consider stepping up and putting your talents to work. If you’re currently committed to Meeting House responsibilities, consider this an opportunity to try something new or to suggest someone to “learn the ropes” from you, taking over a task you’ve been performing for some time.

Contact me at [lindaspery@gmail.com](mailto:lindaspery@gmail.com) or 508-228-2818 to get more information or to volunteer. Here are some of the opportunities where we need your time and talents for short-term or long-term commitments, depending on your availability:

- **Adult Education Committee** – This new committee is being formed this fall to work with Rev. Linda Simmons on opportunities for spiritual and intellectual growth for adults.
- **Docent Program** – Docents needed for July and August to provide information about the Meeting House to visitors, Monday through Friday, in two shifts, 10 a.m. – noon and noon to 2 p.m. **Volunteers needed now.**
- **Finance Committee** – This important group oversees income and spending patterns, updates and advises the Board of Trustees and works closely with the Treasurer. **We need new members for this committee right away!**
- **Fundraising Committee** – There are several needs for the fundraising efforts for the Meeting House. We need a

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new coordinator for the **Bed & Breakfast Program right away**. We need volunteers to assist with the **July 11 Tag Sale in the Meeting House Back Yard right away**. We need to start assembling a team for the **Fall Harvest Fair** and of course our annual **Membership Fund**. Other fundraising events further down the road that will need support in 2014 are **Souper Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's Day Dinner** and the **Meeting House Auction**.

- **Greeter Coordinator** – At the present time, members of the Board of Trustees are serving as greeters each Sunday. A coordinator is needed right away to maintain the list of greeters, contact greeters each Friday to remind them before Sunday of their responsibilities and volunteer commitment. Soliciting new greeters is also a part of the job.

- **Personnel Committee** - This committee advises and assists the minister and, as requested, the Board of Trustees on matters of employee relations and practices for the church staff. **Additional members are needed to fill out this committee.**

- **Religious Exploration Committee** - The Religious Exploration Committee is responsible for religious and ethical programming for children and youth in our church community. Our RE program is lay-led and staffed by members of the congregation with backgrounds in education and child development. The RE committee also provides direction and chooses curricula for the year-round Sunday program for younger children and the Youth Program held every Thursday night during the school year. **Committee members and RE teachers are needed right away!**

- **Sunday Service Committee** – This new committee is being formed to provide assistance to new settled minister Rev. Linda Simmons with Sunday services, with the exception of the Fourth Sunday, which is planned and carried out by the Fourth Sunday Committee. Responsibilities and scope of Sunday Service Committee will be determined when Rev. Simmons begins her service in August.

- **Website Coordinator** – Are you familiar with Word-Press and have time to do weekly updates to maintain the church website? Our long-time talented webmaster Georgen Charnes moved with her family recently to Florida and there are some of us currently taking over her responsibilities. **We need a new coordinator as soon as possible! Training will be provided.**

- **Welcoming & Membership Committee** - This committee welcomes newcomers, supports them in the process of forming connections within the congregation and encourages them along the path to membership. **This committee needs to be filled out right away.**

## South Church Preservation Fund

The Nantucket Preservation Trust has included the Unitarian Meeting House on its tour of Orange Street historic sites featuring preservation minded kitchens and gardens on Thursday, July 18 from 10-4. It is an outstanding opportunity to introduce many people to the beauty of the restored Meeting House.

Docents for the day are Susan Richards, Jack Weinhold and Mary Beth Splaine. Volunteers to augment our docent presence would be greatly appreciated. Please email [marybethsplaine@gmail.com](mailto:marybethsplaine@gmail.com) if you are able to help out for any period during that day. Having additional UUs on hand to answer questions will be very helpful. We have a wonderful story to tell the 500-700 visitors expected on the 18th.

## Join The Festivities

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting  
&  
Celebration of the  
Interim Ministry of  
Reverend David Horst  
Sunday, June 21  
Following the Service

The Mid-Year Financial Review  
and a Report from Rev. David Horst

will be followed in the Church Yard by a

**Festive Picnic/Celebration  
in Honor of  
the Horst-Loy Family**

## Need Summer Transportation?

We can help arrange carpools and rides for those who otherwise would not be able to attend Sunday services or other events at the Meeting House this summer.

Contact the church office at (508) 228-5466.



## July 2013 Sunday Services

*Sunday, July 7 - 10:45 a.m. - Historic Sanctuary*

*“Children of Tomorrow”*

On this weekend when we celebrate our nation's Independence Day, we consider the lives of our children of today and tomorrow. As citizens of a free society, what do we owe our children? What is the legacy we leave to them? What public policies help or hurt our children and families. Rev. David Horst's sermon is entitled “Children of Tomorrow.” Music with Diane Lehman, Director of Music, the Meeting House Choir, and guest artist Carson Cooman, organ. We also welcome Denise Badders and Rich Perry and their family for the dedication of their nine-month-old child, Brayden, into religious life. Sunny Daily, Denise's doula and a friend of the congregation, is participating.

*Sunday, July 14 - 10:45 a.m. - Historic Sanctuary*

*“A Nantucket State of Mind”*

Nantucket is part history and fable, work and play, beauty and challenge. The island is also holds a special place in the hearts and minds of all who live and visit here. Rev. Horst explores the way Nantucket informs and affects our inner lives and outward sensibilities in the sermon “A Nantucket State of Mind.” Share some of your thoughts about what Nantucket means to you. Music with Diane Lehman, Director of Music; the Meeting House Choir; guest artist René LaPierre, organ; and soloist Valerie Norwood, mezzo-soprano.

*Sunday, July 21 - 10:45 a.m. - Historic Sanctuary*

*“Endings and Beginnings”*

Today Rev. Horst, outgoing Interim Minister, presents his final full-length sermon to the congregation entitled “Endings and Beginnings.” He summarizes the two years of transitional ministry we've shared together, both its gains and losses. Much has been accomplished, and the congregation is prepared to move forward under new ministerial leadership. Come hear Rev. Horst's final thoughts and hopes for the congregation's future. Music with Diane Lehman, Director of Music and the Meeting House Choir. At this service the Board of Trustees recognizes Rev. Horst for his service and dedication. Your words and tributes are welcome, too.

*Sunday, July 28 - 10:45 a.m. - Historic Sanctuary*

*“The Faith We Make”*

Outgoing Interim Minister David Horst and incoming settled Minister Linda Simmons share their personal perspectives on faith in a dialogue sermon entitled “The Faith We Make.” They discuss what they have faith in, what faith means to them, how it continues to shape them in their ministries and personal lives. Perhaps their stories of faith help you think about the ways your faith helps you engage in life. Music with Diane Lehman, Director of Music, the Meeting House Choir, and guest Bill Schutt, saxophone. Members of the Fourth Sunday Lay-Led Service Committee assist.

*The Unitarian Universalist Meeting House is the home of Nantucket's Second Congregational Meeting House Society, Nantucket's liberal religious community. Sunday morning worship, music, and religious education begin at 10:45 in the historic sanctuary. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided at no charge from 10:30 - noon on Sunday mornings. Children begin the morning with the adult congregation then depart for circle time, a story or activity, and a snack as part of the cooperative Religious Exploration program. Enjoy coffee and conversation following the programs in the Activities Room at 11:45. Bring brunch food to share. The Meeting House Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6:30 and Sunday mornings at 10 in the sanctuary. Singers of all abilities are welcome! Wheelchair accessible. The sanctuary is equipped with an audio induction loop assistive listening system. Switch your hearing aid to “T” during the service or pick up a headset at the rear of the sanctuary.*

“It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a congregation,  
with its community to raise funds.”

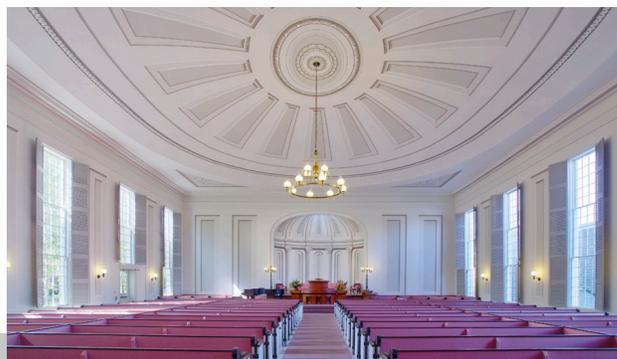
It takes: item donors, item movers, publicists, designers and artists, auction stagers, form fillers,  
money handlers, data enterers, food preparers, sextons,  
office staff, an auctioneer, and cleaner-uppers.

Thank you, thank you to everyone and every business that helped us raise \$15,000  
on June 15 at our annual Meeting House Auction:

David Barham–Casey Boukus–Sharon Carlee–Susan Cary–Georgen Charnes–Bess Clarke–Mark & Ellen Comerford–Jan Ellsworth–Steve Estabrooks–Alison K. Forsgren–Diane Freeman–Al Fuller–Brian & Sissy Girard–Sara Girard–Karin Gockel–Mary Jane Holiday–Bob & Val Hall–Brenda Lee Hall–Alexandra Harper–Rev. David Horst–Alyson Horst-Loy–Hazel Jackson–Suzie Jarrell–Mimi Jones–Marsha Kotolac–Jessie Lambrecht–Irma & Rene LaPierre–Bob Lehman–Diane Lehman–Tyler Levine–Phil Lindsay–Pam & Chris Lohmann–Nancy Mack–Gerry Mack–Joy & Gregory Margolis–Sandy McDonald–Debby Merritt–Polly Miller–Victoria Mirabelli–Glenn Nardone–Van & Sandra Neher–Grace Noyes–Sheri Perelman–Kitty Pochman–Joanne Polster–Russ Ragan–Jack Reindel–Susan & Peter Richards–Gwen Richter–Lauri Robertson–Katherine Robinson Grieder–David & Ellen Ross–Charlene Rudd–Christne Sanford–Pete Sawyer–Shan Shan–Yve Shevalier–Michelle Whelan–Amanda Torchia–Angus & Deb MacLeod–Anne Rosen and Andre Spears–Annye’s Whole Foods–Nantucket Atheneum–Nantucket Looms –Betsy Williams–Bob Lehman–Brenda Lee Hall–Kim Corkran–Cape Air–Cheryl & Chris Emery–Christine Sanford–Chris & Pam Lohmann–Cinda Gaynor–Nantucket Wildflower Farm–Clay Twombly–Craig Spery–Dan Ross–David Hall–Diane Lehman–Edwin Rudd–Ellen and Mark Comerford–Fred and Paulette Boling–Gary Langley–Greg Lockhart–Urban Adventures of Boston–Gretchen Anderson–Youngs Bike Shop–Hazel Jackson & Tomomi Sato–Illya Kagan–Jack Weinhold & Mary Beth Splaine–John Rivera and Harriet Krivit–Lauri Robertson–Les and Joan Ottinger–Linda and Craig Spery–Lucille Jordan–Miacomet Golf Club–Moors End Farm–Nancy Rappaport–Nantucket Island Resorts–Pete Sawyer–Phil Lindsay–Polly Miller–Pumpkin Pond Farm–Rev. Linda A. Simmons–Rev. Ted Anderson–Sankaty Head Golf Club–Santjes Oomen–Kat & James Grieder–Susie Robinson–Tamzin Hutchinson–Theatre Workshop of Nantucket–The Group of Nine–The Nantucket Hotel & Resort–Tobias Glidden–Toby Greenberg–Yve Shevalier.



The creative Fourth Sunday Lay-led Committee has presented monthly services for the past three years calling on the talents of many members of the congregation. Chaired by Sissy Girard the committee has explored a wide range of topics and concerns. Thank you to Sissy, Christine Sanford, and Yve Shevalier for enriching our Fourth Sunday experience.



Once again this summer...

...our beautiful restored Meeting House is open to the public daily from 10AM to 2PM for the months of July and August. Volunteer docents include Craig Spery, John Rivera, Judy and Jeff Norkin, Peter and Susan Richards, Trish Jarrell, Alexandra Harper, Jack Weinhold, Libby Oldham and Mary Beth Splaine. A video of the restoration work in progress and a CD of Marcia Hempel on the Goodrich Organ enhance the visitors' experience. Be sure to stop by with your summer company.

# Summer at the Meeting House - 2013

**Thursday, July 4–9 a.m.**

## **4th of July**

The 11th Annual reading of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. This event has become a standing-room-only celebration to begin the day in Yankee Doodle Style, with patriotic songs, kids signing a copy of the Declaration of Independence, and the winner of a raffle climbing the tower to ring in the Fourth on the historic Portuguese Bell. Come early and be sure of getting a seat.

**Thursday, July 4–5 p.m.**

## **Bob Lehman Trio**

Bob & Diane Lehman, with Erik Wendelken on the stand up bass, come to the Meeting House for an entertaining evening of standards, popular and novelty tunes. Join in the fun with this island band led by one of our very own Bob Lehman.

**Thursdays@5, July 11–5 p.m.**

## **Dan Charness**

The Meeting House proudly welcomes singer songwriter Dan Charness to Nantucket for a one night engagement of his original music – a unique blend of acoustic 70's folk rock, pop, and indie music. Winner of the 2010 Indie International Song Contest, Dan Charness is a New York based musician who has played all over the Northeast, including NYC's The Bitter End and Caffe Vivaldi.

**Thursdays@5, July 18–5 p.m.**

## **Nantucket Women's Chorus**

**Sunday, July 21–Noon**

## **Mid-Summer Congregation Meeting**

This annual gathering brings together year-round and seasonal members of the congregation to present a mid-year financial report, to vote on by-law changes if any, and to discuss other items best heard by the whole congregational community.

**Sunday, July 21–12:45 p.m.**

## **Farewell Party**

Saying our goodbyes to Interim Minister David Horst. This will be the official congregational send-off party, a fete on the lawn for Rev. David and his family. David remains "on duty" through July 31 when he turns over the ministry of the congregation to our newly settled minister, Rev. Linda Simmons. We will miss David and we thank him for his thoughtful leadership during our successful two-year transition period. We wish him well in his new post.

**Sunday, July 21–Afternoon**

## **All Voices Choral Concert – Broadway Melodies**

**Thursdays@5, July 25– 5pm**

## **John Murelle in Concert**

The songs of Duke Ellington. John venerates his long standing love for Duke Ellington as he sings a night of standards by "The Duke".

**Sunday, July 28 – 10:45 a.m.**

## **Transition Service**

Interim Minister Rev. David Horst and incoming Settled Minister Rev. Linda Simmons join together in leading this service of transition from Interim Minister to Settled Minister.

**Thursdays@5, Thursday, August 1–5 p.m.**  
**Earth Got the Blues**

**Sunday, August 4 – 10:45 a.m.**  
**Welcome Rev. Linda Simmons**

This Sunday Service marks the beginning of her ministry with us. We hope to see everyone at this important service.

**Thursdays@5, Thursday, August 8–5 p.m.**  
**Cabaret, A Tribute to Irving Berlin**

**Sunday, August 11–5 p.m.**  
**Hyannis Sound**

This nationally recognized, all male acapella group comes to Nantucket for an afternoon of acapella renditions of pop songs, spanning decades of popular music.

**Thursdays@5, August 15–5 p.m.**  
**Courtney Hardy – Classical flautist and pianist**

**Mid August, T.B.A.**  
**Seasonal Members Cocktail Party**

An early evening gathering with Rev. Simmons hosted by the Board of Trustees.

**Thursdays@5, Thursday, August 22–5 p.m.**  
**Concert**

Come to the meeting house for an evening of live music. Each concert features one local or regional artist, covering a range of styles from classical to folk to jazz to rock.

**Thursdays@5, Thursday, August 29–5 p.m.**  
**Jessica Lambrecht, Operatic Soprano**

**Thursdays@5, Thursday, September 5–5 p.m.**  
**The Matt Hutchinson Trio**

Easy listening jazz with Matt Hutchinson, Nigel Goss, and Nick Hayden

**Thursdays@5, Thursday, September 12–5 p.m.**  
**NCMC Jazz Band**

*Thursdays@5*  
The Meeting House  
Summer Concert Series

**Congregation Shirat Ha Yam  
30th Anniversary Celebration  
July 19th  
Sign dedication 7:00 p.m.  
Service upstairs 7:30 p.m.**



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**Church Staff**

**David M. Horst**, *Interim Minister* - **Edward B. Anderson**, *Minister Emeritus*  
**Diane T. Lehman**, *Director of Music* - **Kaitlyn Burke**, *Office Assistant*  
**Mimi Jones and Dennis Santangelo**, *Sextons*

**Board of Trustees**

Linda Spery (President), Brian Girard (Vice President), Susan Richards (Clerk),  
Bob Hall (Treasurer), David Hall, John Rivera, Jim Sulzer, Marina Sutro, Jack Weinhold

**Church Office Hours**

*Monday - Friday ~ 9:00 a.m. - Noon*

**Minister's Office Hours**

*Tuesday (10 a.m. - noon) and Friday (noon - 2 p.m.)*