

Vineyard UU Voice

We are an intentionally welcoming congregation of diverse faiths and shared values, fostering spiritual growth, community action, racial equity and universal justice.

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Hybrid Church - Leaping Into Our Future

This is information for members and friends who have not learned of the plans to move to a hybrid church platform.

In March of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic challenged us to re-think how we "do church", no longer being able to meet in person. Our Zoom meeting space has been our home for over 16 months. And as I write this the cases on the Island are going up again, with the new Delta variant making its appearance. Will we be back to mask wearing and social distancing? Time will tell.

A hybrid church model would enable us to adapt to the changing nature of religion. We need to "do church" in creative and innovative ways, including face-to-face and virtual. We want to be a liberal faith community with the ability to not just survive, but to thrive in reaching out to a multigenerational and multiracial community.

A hybrid model for our church when we re-open would work like this:

- In person speakers: Members can listen to the minister or speaker on-site at Stevens Chapel. Other members can join on Zoom from home at the same time. "Talk backs" after the service can happen on zoom or in person.

OR

- Virtual speakers in remote locations: Members watch the speaker at the Chapel on a large screen TV. The entire service will be livestreamed and available on Zoom. Members who wish to watch/participate from their home, can connect to the service on Zoom as we all have been doing for the past year.

Other Benefits:

- Music and concerts from our stage can be live streamed to anyone who wants to join,

either in the chapel, or at home.

- Virtual services are more inclusive; those who are sick, elderly, or disabled feel more connected to the church.

We can expand our audience by hosting music events, fundraisers or 'friendraisers', or workshops in which people can participate from anywhere. We can enable family or friends who cannot come to the island for weddings and memorial services, to participate virtually.

We expect to refine the audio-visual equipment proposal soon. Several members have volunteered to ask questions as the proposal moves along the path to completion, which will be helpful to be sure we have all the options covered. We are on the schedule for installation in November.

Join Us for a Sing-a-long!!!

The Worship Committee extends an invitation for all to gather on **Sunday, August 8 at 4pm** for an outside music gathering at the Chapel. **Andy Herr** will lead us for an hour of song and fellowship. Please suggest some sing

-a-long songs you'd like to include, and Andy will attempt to play them. Bring your chair, bring a snack, bring a neighbor! Let's plan for a fun and groovin' time. Please contact **Linda Moffat**

with suggestions, questions or concerns.

—
Linda
Moffat





Worship Services Sundays 11:00 am

All Worship Services take place on Zoom. Please see page 11 for details about how to join.

August 1: Season of Harvest - Rebecca Gilbert



August 1 is one of three harvest festivals in the Celtic tradition – this one focuses on grains, and the first loaf baked from the first reaping. It is often celebrated with traditional games, sports, and contests, and implies the continuation of cycles and the perpetuation of culture. This theme of harvesting what we have planted inspires Rebecca's discussion of generational trauma, whether personal, family based, or societal, and how to disrupt its transmission.

Rebecca is the co-owner/operator of *Native Earth Teaching Farm* in Chilmark. She is an inspired herbalist, a dyer of fabrics and wool with natural materials, a "Mother" to many baby pygmy goats, a storyteller, a "pied piper" to her many egg laying friends, and a wonderful friend. Barbara Caseau is the worship coordinator for this service.

August 8: Imagination - Reverend Vicky Hanjian



How do we imagine UUSMV in these new times?

Reverend Vicky Hanjian is our pastoral care minister.

An Island resident for 26 years, she received her Master of Divinity degree from Drew University in 1990 and is ordained in the United Methodist Church. She has served

as interim pastor for two of the Methodist churches on the Island and as chaplain and bereavement counselor for Hospice of Martha's Vineyard. Linda Moffat is the worship coordinator for this service.

August 15: The Stories We Tell Ourselves -

Nancy Slonim Aronie



Join **Nancy Slonim Aronie**, author of *Writing from the Heart* and founder of *The Chilmark Writing Workshop*, as she talks

about the stories we tell ourselves and invites us into the realm of storytelling—real and imagined.

August 22: The Lotus and the Muck - Reverend Rob Hardies

Sometimes our lives run a-muck! In Zen Buddhism, the symbol of enlightenment—the lotus flower—grows from the muck of the swamp's bottom. Zen Buddhists have a saying: "No muck. No lotus." Can we blossom like the lotus from the muck of life's failures and disappointments?

Reverend Rob Hardies is a preacher, teacher and an experienced leader of retreats and pilgrimages. From 2001 to 2020, he was Senior Minister of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington,

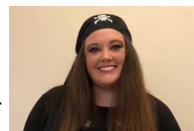


DC, a large, dynamic multiracial congregation. During his ministry at All Souls, Rob helped create organizations that advocated for marriage equality and for voting rights. He lives in Washington with his husband and son. Jennifer Knight is the worship coordinator for this service.

August 29: Just Imagine - Emily LaPierre

Together, we need the power of imagination! Think, create, innovate, dream, believe, just imagine. Join local Children's Librarian of the Vineyard Haven Library, Emily LaPierre, for a service of story, imagination, and awakening of the inner child in us all.

Emily LaPierre is the Children's Librarian at the Vineyard Haven Public Library and a Youth Yoga and Mindfulness Instructor. She moved to the island five years ago with her husband Benjamin, who was born and raised in Vineyard Haven. What was meant to be a temporary stay, has turned into a home where they welcomed their daughter Aurora in 2019. Emily loves working with the island community of all ages and assisting all those in need.



From Your President

When are we going back to having in person services in our Chapel?

The Parish Committee has been working toward opening for some people to go into the Chapel for Sunday services. Our target date is when the new audio-visual equipment is installed and up and running. The best information is mid-November. This will allow people on Zoom and in person at the Chapel to participate in the service, whether the Minister is in the Chapel or virtually on Zoom. Most worship services are still planned on Zoom, as ministers are not here on the island.

The COVID virus and now the new Delta variant are raising fears again of indoor gathering.

We have twelve folding chairs in the small shed behind the Chapel near the propane tanks. Feel free to have a group

use them and store them again when finished.

When we get closer to being able to open the Chapel, we will be better able to determine how many members will be allowed inside at one time.

We encourage everyone to get vaccinated. If you have health issues that lower your immune system, wear a mask and practice distancing. Be sensitive to parents with little people who cannot be vaccinated yet.

When it is possible for some of us to gather inside the Sanctuary, we will take into consideration what the COVID infection picture is here on the island and make decisions based on that and the MA state guidelines for houses of worship for that point in time.

Thanks to you all for your

patience. We have the health of many members to consider, and our caring for one another sets us apart and keeps us strong. Please feel free to call me or email me with any ideas and suggestions you have.

We have no Parish Committee meeting in August. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday September 8. Please let me know if you would like to attend and/or have an agenda item you would like considered.

With abiding friendship,

Rita



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August Caring Coordinator: Mimi Davisson

Fall in Love with Life

Ed Merck who leads the UUSMV meditation on **Tuesdays at 9:30am** has a wonderful article on meditation in the June 30 edition of the MV Times. Ed has been a member of the UUSMV since 2016 and has been leading meditation groups since that time.

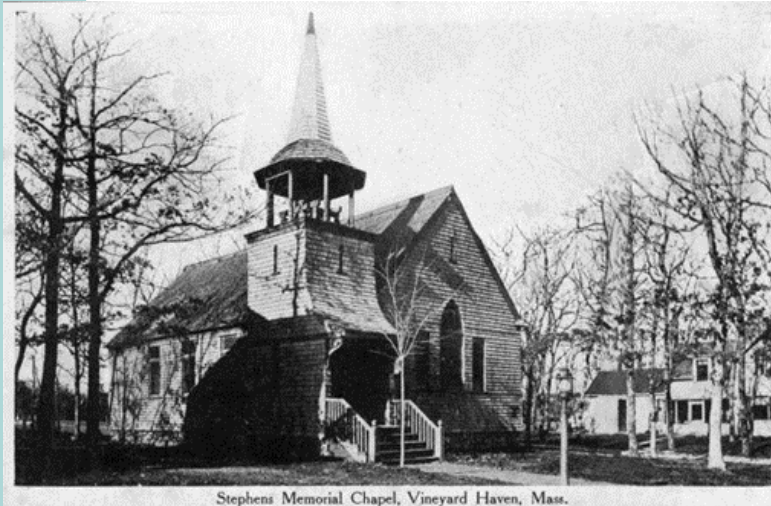
From the article, "Remember what it feels like to fall in love? There is a sense of being bigger than you thought you were.

We find ourselves energetically intertwined with the other, delightfully unable to separate out her (or his) effervescent swirl from our own grounded practicality. Now, imagine that your heart led you to feel that way toward everything, as if you had fallen in love with life itself; as if you felt the presence of the divine everywhere, and especially in yourself. That is the promise of meditation."



<https://www.mvtimes.com/2021/06/30/finding-whats-already/>
—Editor

UUSMV – Significant in Vineyard History



In June, the Tisbury selectmen gave permission to the Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Committee to develop a walking tour of West Chop's history. The tour is about 4 miles, beginning at the Steamship Authority dock. Points of interest and historical background are briefly described digitally at

this site <https://tisbury-self-guided-tours-dukescountygis.hub.arcgis.com/>. Stevens Memorial Chapel is #6 on this tour. Gerard Hokanson, a member of the committee, is the producer of the tour.

From the tour guide: "This entire loop takes you through lands of the island

Wampanoag Indian tribe of Martha's Vineyard, called Nobnocket, before the island was colonized by the English in the 1600's. All of the land from the ferry terminal to the tip of West Chop and west to Lake Tashmoo was acquired by Isaac Chase. Mr. Chase ran the first ferry to the Mainland.

Known in the 19th century as Holmes Hole, by 1850, 75% of the heads of household in the village made their living at sea. However, as whaling and merchant shipping industries declined later in the 1800s, spring and summer tourism dominated and the name of the town was changed to Vineyard Haven." —Sarah Shepard, UUSMV Historian

THE DUKES COUNTY INTELLIGENCER

*Unitarian
Missionary to
Seamen*

*The Rev. Daniel
Waldo Stevens and
the Sailors' Free
Reading Room*

*By Sarah Goodale
Shepard*

When the Martha's Vineyard Museum moved to Vineyard Haven into the old Marine Hospital in Vineyard Haven, one of its aims was to expand its library services and make its contents more readily available. Under the leadership of the museum Librarian Bow VanRiper, all the articles about Vineyard history that were printed in the quarterly periodical, *Intelligencer* are now available online.

Therefore the 2017 article, "Rev. Daniel Waldo Stevens and the Sailors Free Reading Room" is now is only a click away for anyone who wants to know of this island contribution to the benefit of sailors by Unitarian Reverend Stevens, for whom our Stevens Memorial Chapel is named. <https://mvmuseum.org/research/quarterly/>



This Old Church — Is Looking Good!

Everything is looking shiny, over at 238 Main Street. Lucinda put it all together good. Mike Savoy has kept the New England jungle at bay. I checked the universal ramp door threshold during one of our recent monsoon downpours and there was no water accumulation. Door wood rot syndrome may be resolved.

In a totally other issue, the tree of hope is sitting on the 248 side of the property

line. I was certain the orange stake was the true corner marker. Let this be another lesson for us all. When I am certain, it is the most dangerous time. On the plus side, the tree visually fits in perfectly. Still on the plus side, who wouldn't want a snugly tree of hope. I am leaving for a prolonged stay in Maine. This could be sayonara. See y'all for sure on the rainbow bridge!

—Norman Stickney, Trustee



The Out Back Team

The Parish Committee convened a team earlier this year to start work on achieving our 2025 vision, “Determine the feasibility of a new building/addition that will enhance our ability to serve our congregation and the Island community.” The team dubbed itself The Out Back Team.

The first task was to understand the extent of our property. We found existing boundary markers on the yellow-house side of the Chapel, and Lucinda Sheldon had the surveyors stake the boundaries on the 248 Main side. Be sure to look at the stakes when you're at the Chapel to understand the extent of our property.

To make the yard more con-

venient for outdoor activities, Norm Stickney brought folding chairs up from the cellar and stored them in the shed at the back of the Chapel. Please use these chairs to supplement the picnic tables when you have an outdoor meeting or other event.

Next on the task list are: 1) clear the undergrowth so we can more easily visualize possibilities for the future, 2) grade uneven spots to reduce safety issues, 3) erect fencing along the boundaries that aren't obvious — especially along the yellow-house side of the Chapel, and 4) lay out a landscape plan that can be implemented now and not have to be redone if we decide to build in the backyard.

Once congregation life is back to 'normal' and we have a new minister we will begin thinking seriously about a new building or addition.

The Parish Committee has authorized seed money to begin the work. Since the congregation must approve any capital expenditures over \$5,000, any major work will be proposed for a congregation decision, possibly at the January Annual Meeting.

In the meantime, we will move forward as soon as we can find volunteer and/or paid labor to do the work.

—The Out Back Team - **Judy Crawford, Mimi Davisson, Sheila Hanley, Roger Moffat, Lucinda Sheldon**

PC Notes



Your Parish Committee met via Zoom last month on July 14th. Here are some highlights.

Lucinda Sheldon, Kristy Brooks, Karen Sankey, Jan Casey, Rita Brown and Celeste Stickney
Not pictured: Glenn Palmer

If you would like to work with the Membership Committee to help with outreach, please contact Rita Brown.

- The Minister's Search Team held 3 listening circles to gather feedback from families, members, and friends. The job opening is posted on the UUA website but has yet to garner any applications.
- Our financial position remains stable, and it appears we will exit the year with an excess of income ~\$48K as expenses continue to remain low.
- The Finance Committee met to discuss the audio/visual proposal from Power Sound New England and was unanimous in its support.
- Many thanks to Lucinda Sheldon for spearheading the ongoing improvements at the Chapel. Next on the docket is sprucing up the Wayside Pulpit!
- The Out Back Team provided the PC with the following recommendations:

- Defer evaluation of building alternatives until after a minister has been engaged and congregation life is back to "normal".
- Request funds for immediate grounds enhancements that could begin implementation this year, assuming labor availability. (PC approved \$5,000).
- Revisit potential longer-term enhancements next year after short-term enhancements are underway.
- We continue to discuss when we may re-enter the Chapel.
 - The Delta variant is on our radar as is the timing of the possible audio-visual system installation.
 - For those who wish to meet outside of the chapel, there are folding chairs available in the shed.
- In the meantime, the Wor-

ship Committee continues doing an excellent job bringing us speakers and ministers from near and far!

- There is concern we are "losing" members due to our inability to be together in the chapel. The PC will be working with the Membership Committee to enhance outreach efforts. **If you would like to be part of these efforts, please contact Rita.
- Response to our ads for a new Administrative Assistance have been slow. We hope to hire someone local but are also open to considering a Virtual Assistant in a remote location.

The next PC meeting is **Wednesday, September 8th, 4:00-6:00 p.m.** If you plan to attend and/or have an agenda item to suggest, please contact **Rita Brown**.

—Kristy Brooks, Secretary

Coming in Fall 2021

Don't miss this chance to sign up for the second **Sacred Ground** program—a film-based dialogue series on race, part of the Episcopal Church's commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

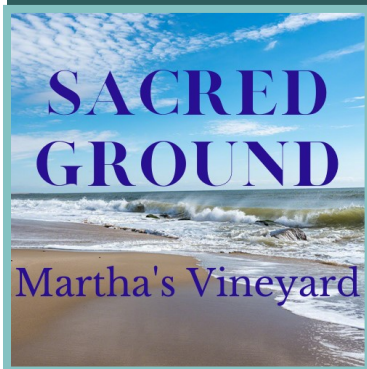
Testimonials from UUSMV...

"The Sacred Ground course helped me realize how much I don't know about racism in the distant and near distant past, as well as in the present. I discovered so many ordinary, everyday freedoms that I take for granted,

which I earned only by being white. The small group conversations were invaluable." **Char Owens**
"Sacred Ground sessions—interesting, informative homework. Wonderful, from the heart discussions in the group meetings. Excellent facilitators." **Barb Caseau**

"Learning of elements of historical white domination and even genocide is now especially relevant given today's controversy over teaching of CRT." **Jack Street**

"The Sacred Ground sessions and Knotty Conversations have helped me 'build muscle' to be able to have the conversations needed to confront racism, oppression, and injustice. And I've made new friends!" **Dorie Godfrey**



Register at sacred-groundmv@gmail.com



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August 23: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

The night of 22 to 23 August 1791, in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) saw the beginning of the uprising that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. It is against this background that the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is commemorated on 23 August each

year. This International Day is intended to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples. It is a day to recommit to fighting for justice and against oppression.

August 26: Women's Equality Day, which commemorates the August 26, 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave women the right to vote. Congresswoman Bella Abzug first introduced a proclamation for

Women's Equality Day in 1971. Women aren't done fighting for equal rights. Today, the wage gap between men and women still impacts women's economic power, and gender-based discrimination still plagues workplaces and business transactions. Today, we recognize the continuous struggle for women's participation and equality in all spheres of life and society.



All six towns on the Vineyard, at town meetings, approved the purchase of two electric

school buses.

All towns agree to implement an island wide Emergency Management position to help with climate change preparedness. Tisbury is the 5th island town to approve 100% renewable by 2040.

MVY radio will work with

ICAN (island climate group) to share climate stories.

—Barbara Caseau for the Climate Justice Team

Liz Durkee, the Martha's Vineyard Commission Climate Planner, is now leading a weeklong community event (November 1st-6th) to celebrate the island's commitment to climate action for a resilient future. The theme is "A Climate to Thrive-Martha's Vineyard 2040". The two main goals are to promote awareness of local climate

change issues and to encourage everyone to act in ways that will help make the island community more climate resistant. Climate Action Week coincides with the United Nations Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

Rebecca Gilbert and Barb Caseau are the UUSMV representatives to the island interfaith climate action group who are helping to plan and implement a Climate Week. Talk with Barb or Rebecca if you have ideas or would like to help!

Stay informed and Take action with IssueVoter <https://issuevoter.org/misc/about> Issue Voter is an easy way to stay informed about legislative issues AND you can inform your representative of your opinion on the proposed legislation or issue with one easy click!

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resentative agrees with you, and whether they've attended a vote. You can share an issue that is important to you with your friends. You can act on issues that don't make headlines.

Issue Voter not only tells you about what is breaking the news; they check for updates every hour to make sure you have the latest information. Become an informed voter. Using issue voter year-round informs

you before elections and keeps money's influence out of your opinion. Only re-elect representatives who truly represented you.

—Dorie Godfrey for UUSMV Protect Democracy Team

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Sacred Ground

Why do people support policies that diminish them? In her book, *The Sum of Us*, Heather McGee explains the technique of “dog whistles” that follow a basic formula to appeal to their target audience.

A Dog Whistle

What is a dog whistle and why do we care?

Why do people support policies that diminish them? One reason is a technique that's been practiced for a long time and remains an effective tool. In her book, “The Sum of Us”, Heather McGee explains the technique of “dog whistles” that follow a basic formula to appeal to whites. First, fear people of color. Then, hate the government (which coddles people of color). Finally trust the market and the 1 percent.”

During the financial crisis of 2008, corporations and their lobbyists created dog whistles, in this case, ‘blame the victim’

The Great Recession of 2008 really began with the predatory lending schemes of the early 1990s, when banks began to sell subprime mortgages to well established black borrowers. ‘Subprime’ loans were designed to ‘help’ people who had a poor credit record. The broker, adopting the persona of an advisor, was going to help otherwise financially stable people buy a new home or refinance an existing home so that they could purchase things that were currently outside their reach. They targeted people of color.

What the borrower didn't know was that attached to the promised affordable loans, were fabricated fees that kept increasing as the loans were sold multiple times to other lenders. Every new bank owner of the loans added

in more monthly fees.

Eventually the borrower could no longer afford the monthly payments. The bank would then foreclose, and the borrower would lose their home. By the time the borrower was at risk of foreclosure, the original broker's ‘concerned adviser’ role no longer existed and the bank that currently owned the loan was only interested in the profits that could be made from the loan fees.

In the 1990s, the borrowers whose homes were foreclosed due to deceptive lending practices were mostly black or Latino. The government should have seen these borrowers as the ‘canary in the coal mine’. Instead, the practice of predatory lending was allowed to continue and expand. “By means of comparison, in 2001, about 183,000 home foreclosures were reported across the nation.

By 2008, a record 983,000...Although homeowners of color were represented out of proportion to their numbers in society, the majority of these foreclosed homes belonged to white people.”

Eventually the use of the subprime mortgage was expanded via the Adjustable-Rate Mortgage, otherwise known as the ‘subprime’ mortgage to people who had good credit. McGee covers in detail the impact of predatory lending on our whole country. When people lost their homes, nearby homes lost their value.

“Local communities

brought in less tax revenue, which led to widely felt cuts in school funding, vital services and public jobs.” Across the country, people lost their homes, their jobs, their benefits, literally all financial security that existed for them prior to 2008

In the wake of the 2008 financial and economic crisis the banks became adept at blaming the problem, first, on black people, who “sought loans they couldn't afford”. Several brokers and bank district managers later testified to the pressure put on them to sell more and more subprime loans to unwitting targets. Most borrowers were not actively seeking loans; they were being pursued.

Then they blamed the government. They claimed that the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) forced them to lend to people who could not afford their loans.

I (Char) worked in banking, in the Product Management and IT areas during this time. I know the banks' claims were false. The CRA did not absolve the banks from doing due diligence in lending only to people who could afford a loan. Many of the victims of predatory lending could have and did keep up their monthly payments until the loan fees, often fabricated, increased beyond their ability to pay. I also witnessed that when banks were deregulated during the 1980s and 90s, government auditing of bank loans decreased or disappeared,

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so the banks no longer had to demonstrate to an outside agent that they were doing due diligence. They were free to make money. There are so many more examples and so much documented evidence in McGee's book that we could go on and on sharing her findings.

It's hard to stop writing – to talk about how the financial industry became the most profitable industry during the 1990s and consequently became top political contributors who could influence policy; to talk about how even well-intentioned government agents "couldn't see that the wealthy and

well-connected white man was the criminal" in all of this; to talk about how the 1% has gotten extremely adept at controlling the message and making money through deception.

How do we stop them?
—Char Owens and Peter Meleney

In Our CommUUnity

Please hold the following members and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Herb and Carol Golub, Mike Shepard, Sunny and Alan Wilson, Steve Myrick, John Sundman, Isabell Noel, Leigh Smith, and Doreen Kinsman.

Please note that **Steve Myrick** has moved to his daughter's home and has a new address. See contacts

Doreen Kinsman is home from the hospital but welcomes a phone call and brief visits after getting the ok by phone.

Leigh Smith remains in MV Hospital in Rehab following her fall. Please send cards to her home ad-

dress as her daughter Pam collects her mail and reports they really cheer Leigh up.

We are so sorry that **Jack and Pamela Street's** dog Phoebe passed away a few weeks ago. Losing a cherished pet is never easy.

Happy Retirement to **Debbie Dean** after 28 years at Vineyard Gardens!

—Celeste Stickney



Condolences to the family of Polly Friedrichs. Pauline Friedrichs, known to us as Polly, died on July 14, 2021. Polly had been a member of the UUSMV since 2001. She was a nutrition educator who provided nutrition expertise to schools in

western Massachusetts. She was also an expert and artistic quilter in her later years, winning many prizes at the Ag. Fair. She and her husband had a summer home on East Chop. At the time of her death, Polly was living at the Ridge in RiverWoods, a senior community in Exeter, New Hampshire. Most mornings in summer she would make a lovely arrangement of flowers from her gardens and deliver it to the nurses' station where they brightened the staff and residents of Suncook Lodge. Although Polly has been unable to visit the Island often, we will miss her lively spirit and lovely messages.

July UU Meetings



The UUSMV **Women's Group** will be meeting in person on Thursday, **August 12 at 2:00pm** on the South lawn of UUSMV.

Please bring a chair and a beverage. In the event of rain, we will meet inside the chapel. The hostesses for this meeting will be **Steffie Michalczyk** and **Debbie Dean**.

Women's group is reorganizing with the departure of the Stick-

ney's to Maine and will only meet once in August. Bring your ideas for future meetings. All are welcome.

—Celeste Stickney



The UUSMV **Men's Group** will be meeting at **Peter Palches's** home **August 14 at 9:30 am**.

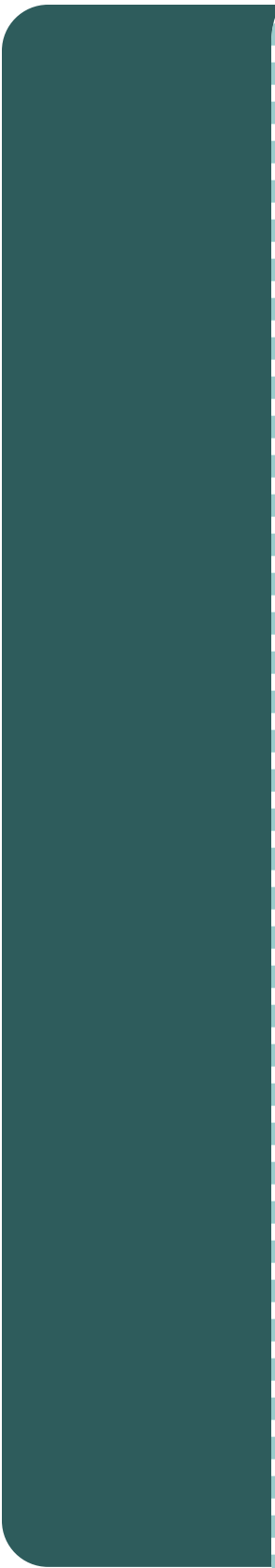
—Peter Meleney



Sewcial Action Knitwork will meet Friday, **August 6 at 2 pm** at the home of **Laura Beebe**. Please either bring a project to work on or help us

work on comforts.

—Laura Beebe



Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

For Pastoral Care please call Reverend Vicky Hanjian at 508-696-8225.

Worship services and meetings listed are by Zoom. The UUSMV Zoom ID# is 940 766 8736, password is 735531

You can join using this url: <https://zoom.us/j/9407668736?pwd=STN5bVZXd2lnEpmalUxTYW5ib0pWdz09>

Or call: 1-646-558-8656, and when prompted give this ID# including the pound sign at the end: 9407668736#, password 735531

Please contact Ed Merck for the Zoom information for Tuesday morning meditation and Island Insight Meditation for the Saturday morning meditation.

August 2021

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8 11:00 am: <i>Imagination</i> Reverend Vicky Hanjian Worship Coordinator: Linda Moffat 4 pm Sing-a-Long!	9	10 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	11	12 2:00 pm: Women's Group Meeting at the Chapel	13	14 9:30 am: Men's Group
15 11:00 am: <i>The Stories We Tell Ourselves</i> Nancy Slonim Aronie Worship	16	17 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	18	19	20	21
22 11:00 am: <i>The Lotus and the Muck</i> Reverend Rob Hardies Worship Coordinator: Jennifer Knight	23 International Day of Remembrance of the Slave Trade	24 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28
29 11:00 am: <i>Just Imagine</i> Emily LaPierre Worship Coordinator: Celeste Stickney	30	31 9:30 am: Meditation Circle				



Wishing you all the best on your birthday!
Sally Williams on August 2
Freedom Cartwright on August 4
Rita Brown who will be 71 on August 7
Danielle Hopkins on August 10
Donna McElroy & Sue Streeter on August 15

**And a special happy birthday to Leigh Smith
who will be 95 on August 15!!**

Find email & mailing addresses in the Directory if
you would like to send a special greeting!
Or make a birthday donation to the UUSMV in
their honor!

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