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Board Report & Summer Service Schedule

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Board of Trustees Report

Thank you to those of you who attended the USNF Annual Meeting! Your active participation is what makes us strong. We are grateful to all of you who step through our doors. We value our ability to provide a space for any who are nurtured and encouraged by being in the midst of our community.

At the May Board meeting we reflected on our community and shared beginning ideas about how we might celebrate the 200th anniversary of our congregation in 2025. We thought about how to create a vision and a path for this community and our space to evolve for those who will carry on and deepen our values and principles for the next 200 years.

We talked about technology, our building, and recognizing our place in history. We talked about overall differences in financial stability for previous generations compared to what younger and coming generations will need.

We talked about what ways the Great Hall and technology can best be configured to suit our living in a changing world. There was talk of honoring and tapping the richness of in-person experiences. And there was much more.

In other words, we opened our imagination and allowed ourselves to dream a little of the future of our congregation. As we move into the coming church year, we will be thinking of next steps and how to involve as many of you in this process as possible. No need to wait. You can be dreaming now!

Thank you for being here!

Ed Olmstead, President

Summer Worship Schedule

6/26/22 **UUA General Assembly Final Worship**
12:30PM <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2022/sunday-worship>

7/3/22 **All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington DC, Reverend Rob Keithan**

10:30 "The Speed of Justice: <https://all-souls.org/>

7/10/22 Accotink UU Church, Burke, VA, Reverend William Levwood
10:00 <https://accotinkuu.org/>

7/17/22 USNF, Dianne Daniels
10:00 "Bloom Where You Are Planted – Research, Read and Act!"
[USNF ZOOM Link](#)

7/24/22 UU Church of Arlington, VA, Reverend Amanda Poppei
10:30 "But, Is it Fun?" <https://www.uucava.org/livestream/>

7/31/22 USNF, Reverend Janet Bush
10:00 "Principles and Purposes – An Association Gathers" [USNF ZOOM Link](#)

8/7/22 Arcadia gathering hosted by the RE Council and Worship Team
11:00 We will also host a Zoom social hour.

8/14/22 UU Church of Annapolis, MD, Rev. Anastassia Zinke
10:00 To Be Announced <https://www.uuannapolis.org/>

8/21/22 USNF, Sarah Metcalf
10:00 Poetry Service, [USNF ZOOM Link](#)

8/28/22 UU Columbia MD, Reverend Paige Getty
10:00 To Be Announced, <https://uucolumbia.net/>

9/4/22 In person and online at USNF, Reverend Janet Bush and Ellen Cogen
10:00 Hymn sing with the organ, [USNF ZOOM Link](#)

[Click here to download the Summer Service Schedule & Full Descriptions](#)

USNF Summer Schedules

The *Sunday Times* Summer Schedule

The Sunday Times will be sent on the following Fridays: June 24th, July 15th, July 29th, August 19th and September 2nd. Please send submissions by the preceding Wednesday to office@uunorthampton.org.

Staff and Office Hours

Please call first if you need to stop by the office. Generally, Michael will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am to 2pm, but hours may vary somewhat week to week. Michael will be out of the office the week of July 4th.

Janet will be available for pastoral care and other matters except when away for UUA General Assembly or on vacation. Those dates are June 20-June 27, July 8-July 17, and August 2-August 8. Please contact a President's team member if you need to reach me.

Jessica will be available with the exception of July 11-16, July 19-23, and August 16-20.

[Click here to download this Summer Schedule](#)

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