

# The Quest

The North Universalist Chapel Society  
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Q Almost always when writing this Quest, there is a struggle to know whether the few words that this space allows should be devoted to a proven and timeless quote or whether I could say something that is specific to us, to me and to the particular things going on at the particular time of year around us. Over the past two weeks and through some parts of June, I have been and hope to be reading some of the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson who, as you well know, says a lot about "quoting." In his mind, it is not only in words that we quote something or someone but also in our condition and our being and in our ways of action and behavior we are "quoting". So to choose someone else's words is a quote of much more than just the words. And to choose to use one's own words and thoughts is also a quote - both playing on various levels of "originality".

*"all things wear a luster which is the gift of the Present; a tarnish which they owe to time."*

*"all our literature is a quotation, our life a custom or imitation, and our body is borrowed like a beggar's dinner from a hundred charities."*

*"The inventor only knows how to borrow."*

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I hope that by the time the summer is done, we will each one of us, be "quoting" summer. I hope that throughout June, we will each one of us, be "quoting" the fields and streams that we will spend time in. I hope we will be able to express a more relaxed pace that summer will invite us to imbue.

There is a certain summertime "eloquence" that will be expected of us all. It will mean that we may need to bear witness - to say as well as we can, what the world is and who you are within it. And if, in these June days, that means a certain abandonment, than I hope when we come together from week to week or at the end of summer you can tell us what abandonment is.

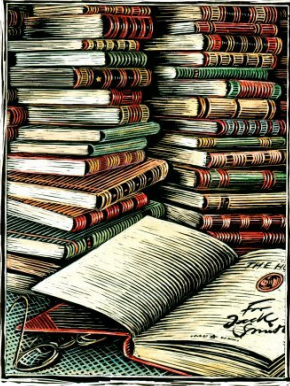
I wish you a wonderful summer. May your *"whole frame be responsive to the world, part for part, every sense, every pore, to a new element, so that (you) seem to have as many talents as there are qualities in nature - a conduit through which the current flows."*

Daniel and Waldo



## **WELCOME: Agata, Radek & Kuba Marzec!**

The members of the Building and Grounds would like to welcome Agata and Radek Marzec to our church community as our new sextons. Agata and Radek came to Woodstock as exchange students from Poland and worked at The White Cottage Snack Bar. They applied for their immigration visas about 6 years ago and are both college graduates; Agata has a fine arts degree and Radek has a teaching degree in physical education. They have a son, Kuba, who is five years old and attends Rainbow Playschool. Agata has her own cleaning business and Radek is a painter. We are very fortunate and grateful to have them here in Woodstock as our new sextons!



## Used Book Sale - Calling for Donations

NUCS will begin collecting books on June 1<sup>st</sup> for sale at Bookstock's Used Book Sale, which will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Please deposit your donated books on the porch of the church office. We need fiction, non-fiction and children's books, hard and soft cover, that are in reasonably good condition. We cannot use textbooks.

This year NUCS will partner with the Norman Williams Public Library to provide the Used Book Sale part of the annual Bookstock event.

The 3rd Annual **Bookstock**, a Green Mountain Festival of Words, will include an expanded and spectacular format over three days, Friday through Sunday, **July 29-31, 2011 in Woodstock.**

More News about this year's Bookstock event will be provided in our Summer Quest or go to [bookstockvt.org](http://bookstockvt.org)



## Take a Hike! Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> after church

After the service on Sunday, June 5th, bring your sandwich, drink and beach blanket to the parking lot of Prosper Road. We'll walk to the top of Mt. Tom, enjoy our picnic together, admire the view

of the village at the top, and sing a lovely peace song. Beg the weatherman to forecast sunshine (or we'll postpone) and join friends to carpool to the lot.

Meet on the front porch after the service for carpooling and be sure to bring your bug spray OR There are now citronella bands you can wear on your wrists, ankles, even ears to keep those black flies flying away!

More activities (less vigorous) are in the works!

# Church Notices

## The Pastoral Care Committee

*Do you know of anyone who might want or need support of some kind?*

Perhaps, a ride, a meal, some company, a card, or assistance in some other way would be helpful. If so, please contact the Pastoral Care Committee.

The co-chairs are:

Nancy Peterson [672-3697] and Judy Williamson [457-3620].



## Book Corner

We are collecting for the Bookstock booksale this month, so please donate your books to the cause! We'll resume the book corner later this summer.



## Is Your Address Changing?

Some in the Woodstock area will be receiving new street addresses to comply with 911 stand-

ards. If these changes will affect your mailing address, please contact the church office so we can be sure that your newsletter reaches you and that our records can be updated.

Call the church office at 457-2557 or email [wdstkuu@sover.net](mailto:wdstkuu@sover.net) and let Donna know your new mailing address. Thank You!

## Treasurer's Report

<u>YTD (4/30/11)</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	
\$76,145	\$207,960
<b>Expenses</b>	
Church Building \$14008	\$29828
Parsonage \$1050	\$1530
Administration \$18248	\$33717
Benefits \$12767	\$39633
Minister's Package \$23169	\$69509
Worship \$697	\$3250
Music \$5193	\$16279
Coffee \$70	\$500
Resource Dev. \$0	\$500
Membership \$2446	\$4850
RE \$2293	\$8354
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	
\$79,941	\$207,960
<b>Balance &lt;\$3,795.78&gt;</b>	

Treasurer:  
Ann Wynia 457-2217

## June Birthdays

6/1 Matt Peterson  
 6/2 Nancy Bebo  
 6/2 Anita Morris  
 6/3 George Sykes  
 6/3 Don Delay  
 6/5 Lou Kannenstine  
 6/7 Katrin Helgason  
 6/8 Susan Pedicord  
 6/10 Sally Alloway  
 6/11 Carol Wood  
 6/21 Susan Jantos  
 6/22 Hillary List  
 6/27 Adi Wilson  
 6/29 Jason Durgin  
 6/29 Deborah Scott  
 6/30 Delia Clark

## Anniversaries

6/1 Bill & Titia Ellis  
 6/8 Michael Stoner & Denise Lyons  
 6/10 Deborah & Forrest Scott  
 6/14 Robert Deeley & Edie Crocker  
 6/15 Carol & Terry Copley  
 6/16 Joanna & Norwood Long  
 6/16 John & Jean Dulmage  
 6/18 Peggy & Tim Maxham  
 6/21 Hope Cannon & Rob Buckley  
 6/23 Joby Thompson & Anne Macksoud  
 6/24 Robert and Sherry Belisle  
 6/25 Janet & David Chioffi  
 6/27 Ed & Donna Durgin  
 6/30 Lynn & Nancy Peterson

## Food Shelf Collection

Especially needed now are hot and cold cereal, canned soups and stews, tuna fish, juice, laundry detergent, dish detergent, canned vegetables and fruit, crackers, pasta sauce and peanut butter. Donations may be dropped off in the basket in our church narthex. The Woodstock Community Food Shelf is open on Mondays 4-6 pm, Wednesdays 1-3 pm and Saturdays 10-noon. They are located at 2176 Maxham Meadow Way, Woodstock. Phone 457-1185. Donations of cash are also much appreciated.

## Summer Quest Schedule

This summer we will combine the July and August Quests into one issue which should arrive in your mailbox by July 10th.

# Spirituality Connections

## Divinity Group

The Divinity group will be meeting on the first Thursday each month, 7 - 9pm in the Library. Upcoming meeting topics on June 2nd - What is Written. Led by Jennifer Donaldson. Location: church parlors, open to all, free.

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## Meditation and Oneness Blessings every Tuesday at 5:15 in the church parlors

The Oneness Blessing offers a simple effortless method of giving profound rest to the body and peace to the mind, promoting wellness in all areas of live. Oneness Experience creates a neurobiological shift in the brain silencing the ceaseless chatter of the mind, enabling us to simply experience reality as it is, in the present moment where there is peace and a deep sense of well being. ***Come and experience for yourself!***

**Additional Opportunity:** A Meditation and Oneness Blessing will be offered from 5:15 to 6:15 on the first and third Thursday each month at the **Barnard Library**. Please contact Mary 234-5541 or Anne 457-3889 for directions or information.

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## Summer/Fall Covenant Group

Welcome back to those away from the church in the winter and early spring. The summer/fall covenant group will begin soon so let us know if you are interested in participating. Anyone in a winter group is also welcome to join. There are generally six sessions from June to October. Please give your name to Donna in the church office (457-2557, wdstkuu@sover.net). If enough of you sign up we will set up a meeting to discuss dates, frequency and topics that work for everyone.

- Veronica DeLay, Richard Schramm, Mary Jeanne Taylor, Covenant Group Coordinators



***Western Wind Fall Workshop***  
**New Workshop Date This Year—Labor Day!**  
**September 2-5, 2011**

Singers from beginner to advanced levels are welcome to participate in this 3-day series of small ensemble workshops offered over the Labor Day weekend in our church.

Western Wind Workshops are uniquely interactive, intense musical experiences. Each participant is made part of a small ensemble that is guided / facilitated (not *conducted*) by a member of The Western Wind. In their small ensembles, participants sing an eclectic and intriguing selection of music that might include Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Early American, 19th and 20th-century part-songs, rounds, hymns and folk-songs, jazz, pop, improvisations and more!

More information about the Western Wind can be found on their website at [www.westernwind.org](http://www.westernwind.org)

The workshop ensembles are formed based on musical skills, and the workshop is open to singers at all levels -- professionals and amateurs, soloists and ensemble performers, conductors and music teachers. Registration details and materials will be available in July, with more details in our summer Quest.

**A splendid opening night concert will be held in the church sanctuary, with tickets available at the door. More details TBA**

**Housing Urgently Needed:** Workshop participants and faculty may opt be housed in local church members' homes, and we are looking for possible hosts to provide housing for them over the three-day weekend. Please contact Deborah Rice at 234-5349 or by email: [debarice@gmail.com](mailto:debarice@gmail.com). This requires minimal work on your part —just a simple breakfast and a room for sleeping — and the guests leave each morning at 8 and do not return until 9 or 10 at night after they have had supper. What's more, the B&B money raised from the housing will come back to NUCS, so this is an excellent fundraiser and a very good way that you can help the church.

## Church Directory Updates

Here's a list of some of the recent updates to our 2011 church directory:

Gina & Mark Auriema: 2090 Randall Rd.

Brooke & Kathy Beard: 1502 Westerdale Rd, kfbeard@gmail.com

Anne Dean: 1133 Atwood Lane

Rick & Kathy Fiske: 36 South Brook Way

Lou and Peggy Kannenstine: 1509 Old River Rd

Anne, Neil and Brent Marinello: 109 Barberry Circle

Andrea McCullough: 1200 College Hill

Robert Mitchell: 291-9117

Judith Taylor: muddance@gmailcom

If you notice that your directory listing should be updated, please contact Donna in the church office at 457-2557 or email: [wdstkuu@sover.net](mailto:wdstkuu@sover.net)

We will post some new updates when we can. New directories are printed only once a year, so please use these corrections to update your 2011 directory.

We have many changes to our church friends and members Woodstock addresses due to the 911 updates in the town, some of which are noted above. **If your address has changed, please contact the church office so we can update our records.**

Thank you!



## Interplay Jazz Experience Workshops and Performances June 26 -July 2

Interplay Jazz provides opportunities for musicians of all ages and levels of expertise to explore and experience the creative process that is integral to the improvisational art of jazz. Workshops and classes in music theory, improvisation, ear training, solo transcription, jazz history, small and large ensemble jazz performance, and daily vocal and instrumental master classes. Evening offerings, which are also open to the community, include a Gospel Choir led by Dartmouth's Walt Cunningham and Little Big Band led by Tim Atherton & Michael Zsoldos.

Throughout the week there are faculty and student performances (some free) for all members of the community. Registration for week long and evening workshops at [www.InterplayJazz.com](http://www.InterplayJazz.com) or by contacting Interplay Administrator Sabrina Brown at (802) 356-5060 or [Fred.Haas@Dartmouth.edu](mailto:Fred.Haas@Dartmouth.edu)

**Interplay Gospel Choir with Director Walter Cunningham  
Evening Workshop June 26 -June 29**

**Concert June 30 at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater**

**Rehearsals:** June 26th - June 29 from 7 PM - 10 PM in our church sanctuary. Register at [www.interplayjazz.com](http://www.interplayjazz.com)

**Performance:** Thursday June 30, 7:30 PM

Contact Pentangle's box office for tickets

Several other workshops and exciting performances are scheduled throughout the week, held in local venues.

Check out the Interplay website for all the workshop and concert details! [www.InterplayJazz.com](http://www.InterplayJazz.com)

# Summer Music



*Judith Gordon*



*Elizabeth Chang*



*Rhoda Rider*

## **Trio Plays French Chamber Music Masterpieces on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 pm**

A Woodstock favorite, the Gordon-Chang-Rider Trio, returns on Sunday, June 12, at 4pm, to present another engaging concert here in our church sanctuary.

Part of the classical music series presented by the Pentangle Arts Council, the concert will feature a diverse program by three of the most notable French composers: Claude Debussy's Sonata for Violin and Piano in G Minor, L. 140, Gabriel Faure's Sonata for Cello and Piano in D Minor, Opus 109, and Maurice Ravel's Piano Trio.

Admission to the concert is free with donations happily accepted. Sponsors of the concert are the Vermont Liturgical and Music Association and Ching-Wen and Carl Taylor.

The outstanding Gordon-Chang-Rider Trio comprises: Judith Gordon, pianist, Elizabeth Chang, violin, and Rhoda Rider, cello.

Judith Gordon is a member of the Smith College music faculty and has performed with the Boston Pops, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Boston Modern Orchestra Project. Elizabeth Chang, is on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, the Pre-College Division of the Julliard School and the School for Strings. Rhoda Rider is chair of chamber music and a cello faculty member at the Boston Conservatory.

**Village Harmony – Alumni Ensemble**  
**Friday June 17 at 7:30 pm, NUCS sanctuary**  
**Led by Larry Gordon and Toby Tenenbaum**



This will be a gathering of college-age and young 20's Village Harmony veterans performing traditional songs from South Africa and the Balkans, American shape-note singing, motets and villanelle by A. Scarlatti and Monteverdi, and a selection of Tenenbaum's wonderful new compositions.

Village Harmony is an umbrella organization based in Vermont dedicated to the study and performance of ethnic singing traditions from around the world. Each summer they sponsor ten ensembles like this one, both in New England and in numerous foreign countries, involving both teen and adult singers. Each group develops its own unique sound with a different international team of leaders, but all share common traits: a powerful, natural, unrestrained, vocal sound; a remarkable variety of vocal styles and timbres, as appropriate to the many varieties of ethnic and traditional music; and the visible, vibrant community among the singers and audience as they share in a joyous celebration of music. For further information visit the Village Harmony website: [www.villageharmony.org](http://www.villageharmony.org)

Suggested admission at the door is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. Village Harmony's many recordings and songbooks will be available for sale at the concert.

For information call (802) 426-3210

**Save the Date!**

**Another Village Harmony ensemble will be here on July 26th.**



## Children's Chapel Summer Notes

Each Sunday throughout the year, Valerie will provide nursery care downstairs for babies and pre-school children during service. School-age children are welcome to participate in our Children's Chapel held in the church parlors until June 5th, and then take a recess for the summer months.

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### Change the World Kids

We are counting down the days until we leave for Costa Rica on June 14 early in the morning at 12:30AM. We'll continue to reforest our Bosque para Siempre corridor, research birds and phenology, and work in our tree nursery. This year we'll be planting in our parcels close to the Continental Divide and at the sea level end of the corridor. We are SO EXCITED! Should you want to help sponsor a Change the World Kid who needs a bit of financial help to go on the trip or want to sponsor nursery care and planting of trees (\$3.00 per tree), please let us know or donate on our website.

Last year we doubled our plots in the Chippers community garden, and this year we'll add a large second garden, which means hundreds more pounds of produce to food shelves and families that we are helping. We're also planning to build a root cellar to store vegetables for the Woodstock Food Shelf.

Sustainability. Please remember to spread the word that we put up clotheslines to "Save Energy for Free."

Thanks for supporting both our Great Garments for Global Good and Yard Sale events with your donations of great stuff and participation as shoppers!

If you know of someone who could use our help, please call 457-2622 or email [changetheworldkids@yahoo.com](mailto:changetheworldkids@yahoo.com).

## Children's Chapel Summer Recess Begins

This past year a few dedicated and consistent people have guided the religious education of the children in our church. We value and appreciate these children so much and our church would not be what it is without their radiant faces and energetic presence. Thank you to Jane Moss for all the coordinating and communication that has kept the schedule flowing and clear. She has been our hub. Thank you to Kathleen and Geraldine from the Purple Crayon for their guidance of music and yoga on two Sundays of each month this year. Thank you to Norman and Marion for their creativity and love on one Sunday of every month. Thank you to Callie for her presence once a month giving the children that recognizable individual who has been a part of this program for a number of years now. We also thank Charity Gray and Anne Bahlenhorst for their help on the committee guiding the program and also teaching whenever there was a fifth Sunday.

June 5th will be our last Sunday of Children's Chapel for the children. We wish the children and their families a delightful summer and look forward to seeing them again on September 11th for a new year of activities and learning.

**Have a Great SUMMER, Kids!**

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## Hand in Hand Community Supper

Themes for June:

June 2 - It's Garden Time!

9 - Happy Birthday Patricia Cornwell

16 - Blooms Day (Ireland)

23 - Ligo Day (Latvia)

30 - Independence Day

Hand In Hand is dedicated to Sustainable Community Growth and Development in Woodstock, Vermont and the surrounding community. Meals are served every Thursday from 5-7 P.M. in the church Social Hall. Meals are open to all. Donations are accepted. For more information contact (802)299-1777.

Thank you for your continued support,

Lauren Wilder

## Church Committee & Group Meetings

- **Resource Development Committee**  
2nd Sunday after church in Library  
Contact Lynn Peterson 672-3697  
or Peter Rousmaniere 457-9149
- **Men's Discussion Group**  
1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm  
in Library  
Contact Lynn Peterson 672-3697
- **Membership Committee**  
4th Monday, 7:00 pm in Library  
Contact Ann Wynia 457-2217
- **Worship Committee**  
1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm in Library  
Contact Don Ransom 295-5135
- **Buildings and Grounds Committee**  
Feb. 15, 6:30 pm in social hall  
Contact David Doolittle 763-8773
- **Board of Trustees**  
3rd Tuesday at 6:15 PM in Library  
Contact Mary Jeanne Taylor  
234-6953
- **Pastoral Care Committee**  
4th Tuesday, 6:30 PM in Library  
Contact Judy Williamson 457-3620
- **Choir Rehearsals**  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, sanctuary  
Contact Diane Mellinger 234-6619

## Summer Choir Schedule

Choir rehearsals will be held throughout the month of June, but the choir will take a vacation during most of the months of July and August this summer. Contact Diane Mellinger for more details.

## Ongoing Activities at the Church

**Mondays - AA Meeting** 7:00 PM, Social Hall. Open meeting, all are welcome.

**Tuesdays: Oneness Blessings** held in the parlors, 5:15-6:15 PM. All are welcome. Contact Anne Dean 457-3889 or [annesheart@aol.com](mailto:annesheart@aol.com)

**Wednesdays - Course in Miracles:** 5:30-7:00 PM in Library. Contact Robert Walker (802) 359-4047

**Thursdays - Yoga Class:** 8:30-10:00 AM in Social Hall. Contact Instructor: Phoebe Standish 672-3800

**Thursdays: Hand in Hand dinners** held in the Social Hall, 5:00-7:00 PM, free. Volunteers welcome. Contact Lauren Jane Wilder 802-299-1777

**Divinity Group:** 7:00-9:00 pm, library room, 1st Thursday each month. Contact Jennifer Donaldson 457-3690

## June Worship

**Sunday services at 10:00 until 11:00 AM**  
**Child care provided every Sunday.**

### **June 5 - Step-Up Sunday & New Member Recognition**

Reflection: Daniel Jantos  
 Music: Diane Mellinger

### **June 12**

Reflection: Daniel Jantos  
 Music: Diane Mellinger

### **June 19 - Father's Day**

Reflections: NUCS Men's Group  
 Music: Diane Mellinger

### **June 26**

Reflection: Daniel Jantos  
 Music: Diane Mellinger

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## June Worship Notes

**Father's Day, June 19th:** The NUCS Men's Group will provide shared reflections on fathering.

## Sunday June 5th - New Member Recognition

Please plan to come to church June 5th to honor and welcome our newest members who have joined since June 2010. Official membership begins by signing a very old and special book in the presence of another member. This signifies commitment to share your time, talents and treasury to support the life of the North Universalist Chapel Society.

We believe the process of becoming a member of the North Universalist Chapel Society is very personal journey and unique to each individual. The membership committee, Daniel Jantos, Fran Lancaster, Ginny Christy, Pru Schuler, Rose Mroszczyk, Sherry Belisle, Susan Boston and Ann Wynia are always available and happy to answer questions about being a member of the church.

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