

# U-FIRST

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Gardner

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.**

### June 6—Annual Meeting

We will have a short worship service followed by our Annual Meeting.

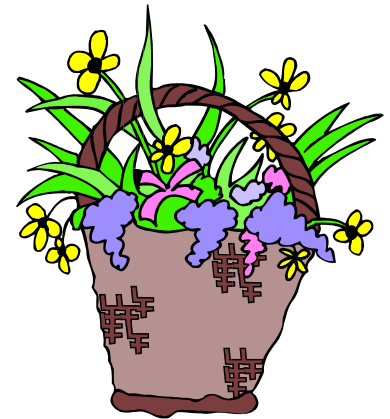
### June 13—Flower Communion—Rev. John Pastor

We celebrate our tradition of Flower Communion and recognize all those that have contributed to our church community.

***This will be our final time together before the summer schedule.***

***Following the service there will be a church-wide potluck.***

***For details, please contact members  
of the Music and Worship Committee or Rev. John.***



## Pastoring...

### **Come As You Are**

Well, another church year is about to end. What a great year it was! Highlights include the celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Regional Association Sunday, a Craft and Flea fundraiser, and a highly entertaining Commitment Sunday (Thank you EC). There were many other weekly and monthly happenings, which will continue to happen. There is so much positive energy here!

You have probably already heard me mention that I'll be going to the UUA General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis at the end of June. It will be a time to gather with my "fellow wizards" to reflect on ministry as well as a time to be with over 5,000 other UUs from

across the country. During this time at GA I will be representing UUSG and voting on your behalf. There are many important issues for us to address including immigration reform, equal marriage rights, and the care of this planet. I will bring your energy with me.

Our final worship service this year will be our traditional Flower Communion Sunday. It will be a time for us to share our flowers and to recognize the special gifts that each of you bring to this spiritual community. I hope you will be able to join us.

My friends, we *are* the only liberal religious community in this city. We *are* the only place where people may come as they are and journey with us seeking to grow more spiritual lives. We *are* the only place that recognizes the

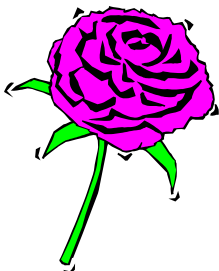
importance of building the beloved community.

To quote from colleague Rev. Sam Trumbore, "At a time when our nation and our world are divided and often torn by conflict, the need is greater than ever for religious communities where we can be safe to search for the truth, to discover ourselves, to raise our children, to offer comfort, and to serve and hopefully to save a troubled and troubling world."

Let us continue to build the beloved community together. Invite others to join with us. We *are* the only place.

Thank you for all that you are. I am so blessed by your presence.

With love,



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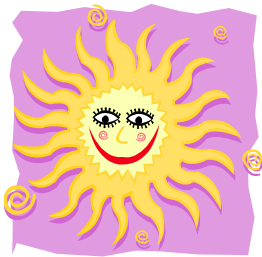
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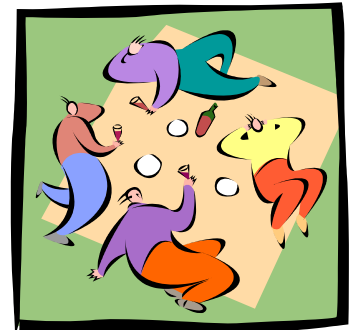
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## Summer Worship Schedule

Service details are not finalized yet. Please make note of the dates the services are planned for:

**July 18 and August 15**



## Adult Bible Study

The Bible Study Group usually meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

**Jun 17** - *Non-canonicals, Judas, Mary of Magdala*. Continuing the theme of books not included in the Bible. One by the so-called traitor and one by a woman!

## Summer Kirtan & Vegetarian Potlucks

**Open Mic Kirtan 3-5pm**

**Vegetarian Picnic Potluck 5-7pm**

June 27th

July 18th

August 15th

**RAIN (indoors) or SHINE! (side lawn)**

## Newsletter Contributions

The deadline for newsletter contributions is usually the 15th of the month. Please send your contribution via e-mail to [uusg.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:uusg.newsletter@gmail.com), or provide a typed or *neatly* handwritten copy to Julie Pera. Contributions may be edited for length or content at the discretion of the editors.

**Publication date for the Summer Newsletter is still to be determined.**