

First Unitarian Congregational Society  
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Return Service Requested

Rush—Time Value

### Calendar

Thurs., Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Prudential Meeting at The Red House
Sat., Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 p.m.	Chicken Barbecue Supper at The Red House
Sun., <b>Sept.</b> 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Worship Services resume

## Chicken Barbecue

*Saturday, August 16th*

**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

at The Red House

Menu:

½ or ¼ of a Barbecue Chicken

Fresh Sweet Corn

Tomatoes, Cole Slaw

Cranberry Sauce

Rolls and Butter

Homemade Pies

Beverages

# The Apple Tree

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## **From Our Minister**

The first service of the church year, on September 14, will include a Water Ceremony, a ritual common in Unitarian Universalist churches, particularly for the time of re-gathering in the fall. In this ritual each member of the congregation is asked to bring a small sample of water from some place or event that had special meaning for them in recent months. As the water is added to a common bowl, each has the opportunity to tell where the water has come from and why it is significant to them. Hearing these stories of the summer months re-connects the community, inviting us to know a little more about each others' lives.

Put a little container in your car, or your travel bag, or your backpack now -- a tiny jar or bottle -- so you'll have it handy to gather a little water in the weeks ahead. This might come from a new exotic place to which you travel or from a long familiar and beloved vacation spot. It might come from a pond or a well in your own backyard, or even from your kitchen tap. It might come from a wedding or a family reunion, or a bubbler at Fenway Park, or your new puppy's water bowl. Simply bring some water from a moment or experience important in your personal life.

Ideally this message would have been sent to you in the spring. It is likely that many of you have already passed through those special places or moments of the summer season. In this service we will honor water that represents a significant place of experience, even if it was not possible for the water actually to have come from that place.

See you in September.

Jeanne

## **In the Parish**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Curtis and Greeley families as they mourn the loss of their beloved Ashley S. Curtis, who died July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Special Thanks**

To Mary Alice Fullerton and her faithful crew for all their hard work putting on last year's monthly suppers at The Red House. We look forward to another year of wonderful meals and fellowship.

## **Upcoming Events**

### CHICKEN BARBECUE

Our annual chicken barbecue will be held Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 7 p.m. Save the date and spread the word! This is a great opportunity to reconnect with our church family, friends, and neighbors. See you there!

## **Church Web Site**

Our web site is [www.uuwilton.org](http://www.uuwilton.org). Our email address is [admin@uuwilton.org](mailto:admin@uuwilton.org). Marcia & David Potter will direct the emails to the appropriate people or committee.

## **Pledge Reminder**

Unfortunately, church expenses don't take the summer off. Please try to keep your pledge payments up-to-date. THANK YOU!