



# The Unitarian

July 22, 2016

## **Summer Services: 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall**

- Supervised childcare is provided
- Check [uubelmont.org](http://uubelmont.org) or our Facebook page for updates

### **July 24 — Alice Trexler and Downing Cless**

*Air, Earth, Fire, and Water*

Hymns, poetry, stories, images, and reflections on these essential elements of our environment.

### **July 31 — Charlotte Lehmann**

*It's a Party Line!*

In this service, we contemplate the value of unmediated prayer and experience the power of communal meditation, through which we may feel emotional connection and renewal.

### **August 7 — Livia Racz and Lynn Read**

*Reflections from the 2016 Partner Church trip to Désfalva*

Reflections, thoughts, things learned, etc. by some of those who visited Désfalva, our sister congregation in Transylvania, Romania this summer. We'll have a few photos from the trip and some of the music performed there as well.

### **August 14 — Eleanor Hobbs**

*The Heavenly Messengers*

How contemplation of what Buddhists call "The Heavenly Messengers" can promote spiritual growth and bring greater awareness and joy into your everyday life. The service will include a short guided meditation, readings and a teaching about the heavenly messengers.

### **August 21 — Jen Deaderick**

*All Men Would Be Tyrants*

The religious roots of women's exclusion and participation in the public sphere.

### **August 28 — Valentin Frank**

*Tranquilo*

A Study in the Paraguayan Art of Unwinding

### **September 4 — Bruce Kozuma**

*Faking It: Forging a life when you feel like you just may be, occasionally, out of your depth*

In my daily work, I often have no idea of what others are talking about as their job is to push the bounds of what is known and possible as fast as possible. As I've figured out how to deal with that reality, I thought some of what I've learned might also be applicable to other aspects of life and just maybe to others as well.

## **Sunday, September 11: Multigenerational Service**

Our services on September 11, at 9 and 11 a.m., will be a multigenerational water Ingathering. We will celebrate the opening of the church year with a ceremony in which we each pour a small amount of water into a common vessel. The water we bring represents a part of our summer that we are bringing into the new church year.

Whether you go on an exotic journey or vacation in your backyard, bring a small amount of water to represent your summer's spiritual journeys.

## **Impromptu Summer Concert — Sunday, July 24**

We're throwing a benefit show @ First Church as part of the Machine Listener/Matthew Ryals East Coast tour. Looking forward to this familial hang and reunion featuring:

- Foodbaby (Belmont Dad Crew)
- Machine Listener (M. Gallagher, CLE, Tusco/Embassy Press):  
<https://soundcloud.com/machinelistener>
- Matthew Ryals (CLE, Behind Glass):  
<https://soundcloud.com/matthewryals>
- +1 More act TBA

### **Details:**

- Sunday, July 24 in the First Church Parish Hall
- Doors open at 7 p.m.
- \$10 admission — all funds to benefit First Church.

## **Welcome Back Reception, September 8**

The Fellowship Committee and the Parish Board invite you to reconnect with your friends after a long summer break, meet & greet staff, officers, and new church members, and socialize at this informal gathering!

- 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Appetizers and light refreshments
- Bring a bottle of wine to share
- Childcare and entertainment for young kids

### **Registration for the children's choir is now open!**

The children's choir program at the First Church in Belmont is a vibrant and fun opportunity for children to learn to make music together. In the fall,



1991 German postage stamp celebrating the first production of *The Magic Flute*.

the children present a full-length musical theater production, in which every single singer plays a role. This year's musical will be *The Magic Flute*, by Mozart.

For the rest of the year, the choirs learn songs in many different styles and languages, performing numerous times throughout the year. They also

form an integral part of the Christmas Eve services each year. Join us for a wonderful year of music!

- More information can be found at <http://uubelmont.org/music-notes/>
- The registration form can be found at <http://uubelmont.org/music-children/>

### **Désfalva and Belmont – A visit from across the ocean and nearly a quarter century of partnership**

Article in Unitarian Monthly Newsletter, *Kolozsvár*, Transylvania, submitted by Rev. Tamás Szabolcs Pálffy, Marosszentgyörgy-Szászregén, to Dr. Szabolcs Czire, editor

The partnership of the Unitarian congregation of Désfalva and the Unitarian Universalist congregation of Belmont can look back with pride at its 24-year history, says the Rev. Sándor Szentgyörgyi, minister in Désfalva and Dean of the Kis-Küküll district. Rev. Szentgyörgyi had, already back in 1994, welcomed visiting friends from Belmont, a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts, and he took on the lion's share of the work involved with planning of this year's visit, as well. "In my experience," said Rev. Szentgyörgyi, when we caught up with him outside his church, "partnerships work well if there is at least one enthusiastic person in the U.S. congregation who has some kind of ties to Europe, or Transylvania, or the Hungarian language. Our partnership emphasizes the personal side, the relationships, friendships, and personal contact that can only come from visits, because these are the elements that enrich both congregations."

It was on June 30th that a thirteen-person group of our co-religionists arrived in Kolozsvár. The next

day, while we were having our annual meeting of the Unitarians ministers of Greater Hungary in the bishop's conference room, the pilgrims had the opportunity to visit a few of the city's treasures. After traveling to Désfalva the next day, the group split into two different age groups. The children in the Désfalva religious education program had the chance to participate in an all-day music camp led by teachers and soloists Charles Claus, Ian Garvie, and Livia Racz from Belmont, while the rest of the guests visited our shut-ins and sick. Many of these long-suffering, elderly, and ill members of the congregation have not been out of their homes in several years, and were incredibly moved by the caring and attention of our partners. Their heart-wrenching stories were difficult to hear, yet even in their suffering they did not fail to offer spring water and refreshments at every stop, which the intense heat of the day made very welcome.



Left to right, back row: Jeanne Mooney, John Little, Pam Andrews, János Kiss, Sarah Calkins, Ottó Rátz Sr, Ian Garvie, Livia Racz, Chuck Claus, Bruce Kozuma, Ottó Rátz Jr, László Kiss, Charlotte Lehmann, Tünde Ildikó Szentgyörgyi, Rev. Sándor Szentgyörgyi. Left to right, bottom row: Molly Calkins, Hanna Racz-Kozuma, Eleanor Hobbs, Emma Racz-Kozuma

The next day, we had the great privilege of being part of an uplifting Sunday service. The host minister's words were followed by personal introductions, remarks by the Rev. Charlotte Lehmann, presentation of gifts, and the musical program from the previous day. It was impossible not to be mesmerized by the music of the children and their teachers, including their home music teacher, Miklós Molnár of Désfalva. The commitment and love of all teachers and students shone through; and their playing and singing brought tears to our eyes. The program concluded with the singing of the Hungarian National Anthem, accompanied on organ by Ian Garvie, after which everyone went outside to Hans de Muinck Keizer's kopjafa, a memorial to the founder of the Belmont-Désfalva partnership, to commemorate the occasion with hundreds of photographs.

A celebratory lunch for the whole village followed the service, underscored by yet more music, this time provided by the quartet who had just then arrived from the village of Szászcsovás. After the main course, while the ladies of the village waited for several hundred homemade yeast doughnuts to rise, Zoltán Béres, lay leader of the reformed church and village shepherd, suggested an outing to the countryside to sample his freshly-made dairy products. Although an all-terrain vehicle would have been useful, everyone made it there and back without mishap. We visited the animals and sampled the cheeses, and of course took yet more pictures.

Upon our return to the church hall, we found the musicians still playing to the empty room. The return of their audience re-energized them to such an extent that, despite the fact that their paid time had been over for hours, they kept the music going until midnight. Many pairs of feet, both young and old, from both Désfalva and Belmont, spun around in spontaneous dancing, and voices were lifted together in song.

The next day consisted of visits to the Unitarian church of Magyarsáros, including a peek at their village museum, and the churches of Küküllődombó, and Dicszentmárton, where the host ministers happily became tour guides. In the afternoon, we visited the ministerless congregation of Harangláb, now a "little sister" congregation of Désfalva, where Rev. Szentgyörgyi preaches. The ladies of the village provided a lovely dinner of filled crepes and salad, which gave our visitors a welcome break from our meat-heavy celebratory dishes. Father Vasile Ghira, the Romanian orthodox priest of Harangláb, who unexpectedly hosted a group from Belmont in 2010, was ready for them this time with fresh honey from his beehives. Our visit to his church served a dual purpose: in addition to seeing the beauty of his sanctuary, which he built with his own two hands, the several hundred steps that we had to climb to get there helped us digest the prodigious amount of food that we had just eaten.

After saying their goodbyes in Désfalva, the pilgrims from Belmont continued on their travels, accompanied by the ministers from Désfalva and Magyarsáros, visiting Marosvásárhely-Kövesdomb, the salt caves of Parajd, followed by Korond, Székelykeresztúr, Bözödújfalú, Torda, and back to Kolozsvár. On July 9th, the group gathered at the airport for their voyage back across the ocean, enriched with new experiences and new friendships. On Sunday, July 10th, we heard from Rev. Szentgyörgyi that our new friends arrived in good health and were pleased with the time that we

spent together. Rev. Szentgyörgyi praised the hard work of his lay leaders and congregation, and thanked all of the hosts for their hospitality to our guests.

May the partnership of Désfalva and Belmont continue to bring blessings, mutual growth, and mutual joy in service and prayer to its participants.

### **12th Annual Sandy Island Retreat, September 16-18**

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The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for the popular First Church Sandy Island Retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity to kick back, relax, and meet new and old friends after a long summer. Sandy Island offers recreational opportunities for people of all interests and ages.

Information and the registration link are online: [uubelmont.org/sandy-island-church-retreat/](http://uubelmont.org/sandy-island-church-retreat/)

Questions? Contact Ariane Frank and Martin Plass at [fellowship@uubelmont.org](mailto:fellowship@uubelmont.org).

### **Adult Programs News**

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The following groups meet over the summer:

- Meditation — James Hencke
- Mondays, 8 – 9 p.m., Library or Parlor
- Jobseeker Buddy Group — Martin Plass
- Tuesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Tinkham Room
- Hootenanny/Jam Session — Jon Svetkey; Last Wednesday of each month - July 27, August 31, 7:30 p.m., Parlor

[The complete church events calendar is online.](#)

### **Belmont UU Alliance Concord Boat Cruise & Lunch**

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**Wednesday, September 21, 2016 — limited to 20!**

Please join us for the Belmont UU Alliance Concord River Boat Cruise & Lunch on Wednesday, September 21. Make your reservation early as we are limited to 20 seats.

We will carpool from the Church at 12 noon; the cruise leaves the dock at 1:00 p.m. from the South Bridge Boat House, 496 Main St. (route 62), Concord.

Please contact First Church Administrator, Janice Zazinski, at [jzazinski@uubelmont.org](mailto:jzazinski@uubelmont.org) or 617-484-1054 for reservations by September 10th. Inform Janice of your sandwich choice for lunch: chicken or tuna salad, ham & cheese, sliced turkey, vegetarian. Lunch also includes salad, fruit, dessert and drink.

Please make your \$30 check payable to the Belmont Unitarian Alliance and deliver or mail it to the Church at First Church Belmont, P.O. Box 113, Belmont, MA 02478. Call Pat Hawkins at 617-489-2058 or email [pathawk4@gmail.com](mailto:pathawk4@gmail.com) with questions.

[A list of church committees & groups is online.](#)

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- Unitarian Universalist Association, [uua.org](http://uua.org)
- UU Mass Action, [uumassaction.org](http://uumassaction.org)
- UU Service Committee, [uusoc.org](http://uusoc.org)
- UU United Nations Office, [uua.org/international/un](http://uua.org/international/un)
- UU Urban Ministry, [uumm.org](http://uumm.org)

**Next issue: September 6**

Please send your announcements, news, events, and other submissions to [office@uubelmont.org](mailto:office@uubelmont.org) by noon on Wednesday, August 31. Please note that items may be edited for space and clarity.

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**Summer office hours, June 20 – September 2:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 – 2  
**The office will be closed August 15 – 19.**

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