



Star Island

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Providing religious and educational retreats for families and individuals since 1915. Visit StarIsland.org for more information

Family Programs

Multigenerational family programs are open to everyone! Each week-long program is led by a leadership team working throughout the year on and off island to deliver the quality experiences that Star Island has been known for since the early 20th century. From theme talks for adults to tie dye sessions for youth, there are a multitude of unique moments to enjoy.

Online registration now open at starisland.thankyou4caring.org.



Life on a Star I Family Conference

Saturday, August 15 to Saturday, August 22
Small Star, Big Universe

This week we will explore the many ways – political, social, artistic, spiritual – that we interact with each other and our world. There will be continuing morning and afternoon workshops as well as one-shot ‘Starbursts,’ athletic and musical activities, and ample time for hanging out in the rocking chairs on the best porch in New England. We will soothe, uplift, entertain, and replenish ourselves and each other as we share a week on this beautiful island. Come join us!
Minister of the Week: Rev. Ana Levy-Lyons, Minister at the First Unitarian Congregation in Brooklyn, New York

Life on a Star II Family Conference

Saturday, August 22 to Saturday, August 29
Igniting Human Potential

Can businesses (and individuals) aspire to more noble purposes, and manage themselves according to a set of shared values? What happens when they do? As Chief Leadership Officer of Luck Companies, a 90 year-old family business based in Richmond, VA, Mark Fernandes is a leading thinker and speaker on the topic of Values Based Leadership. Mark will share his company’s amazing journey and their mission to ignite human potential and positively impact the lives of others. He will also share his thoughts on how VBL can apply to our own lives and help us attend to our mind, body and spirit to experience self-renewal.
Theme Speaker: Mark Fernandes, Chief Leadership Officer, Luck Companies
Minister of the Week: Reverend Alison Cornish, Senior Director of Programs for Partners for Sacred Places

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UU's Sixth Principle

International Affairs

Saturday, July 25 to Saturday, August 1
Climate Change

Global climate change is already at a critical level, but many of us don't really comprehend the implications and ramifications and what we could or should do to address it. Each new report compiled by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change paints a more sobering picture of both the science and the risks to nations. IA 2015 will bring together a panel of speakers and other programming to help us understand the science of climate change and its impact on the environment, its social, cultural, economic and political impacts on specific nations and their international challenges, and what we can do in our personal lives and in the larger community to help address the situation.

Theme Speakers: Steven Hamburg, Chief Scientist, Environmental Defense Fund; Kate Sheppard, Sr. Reporter and Environmental and Energy Editor, Huffington Post; Keya Chatterjee, Exec. Director, Climate Action Network

Minister of the Week: Rev. Mara Dowdall, First UU Society of Burlington, VT

UU Youth



Youth Empowerment and Spirituality

Sat 6/27 to Sat 7/4
Changing Tides

The YES Conference is an open, welcoming community for youth ages 15-22. We provide a safe space for spiritual growth and self-empowerment. It is a transformative week of adventure, thought-provoking workshops, and impromptu dance parties under the stars. Shoalers can participate in a number of different workshops.

Minister: Rev. David Scheuneman



For UU Religious Educators

Lifespan Religious Education Conference

Saturday, July 18 to Saturday, July 25
Collaboriate Leadership

LRE Week is designed to meet the professional and personal needs of those working in Unitarian Universalist Religious Education. We are religious educators, ministers and our families, promoting excellence in lifespan learning, transforming ourselves and the world to make a difference. Join us in modeling collaborative leadership in multigenerational UU community. During the week we will experience collaborative leadership between religious educators, ministers and musicians. Agents of transformation, we will explore trends that can bring our disciplines into greater alignment and empowerment with each other. Our goal is to strengthen our work in congregations by involving and promoting all three disciplines in community worship, shared spiritual practices and leadership teams. Inspirational worship, adult workshops, programs for children and youth, and multigenerational events for the family will guide our week of discovery as we grow and relax together. Morning workshops include the Unitarian Universalist Identity Module (newly revised), Building a New Way: Collaborative Leadership for a Changing Time, The Hope for Wholeness: Sexuality and Leadership, Music and Arts.

Ministers of the Week: Rev. Chris Holton Jablonski & Rev. Lauren Smith, South Church, Portsmouth, NH

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