

THE FINANCIAL TIMES OF FIRST U

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THIS PAPER MAKES A LOT OF CENTS

OPPORTUNITY

What Do Clams Do During Clam Fest?

They shellebrate! Our first big fundraiser of the new church year is our participation in the Yarmouth Clam Festival (July 21-23). As many as 100,000 people wander by our booths to check out our offerings – fantastic scallop rolls, our famous cheesecakes, and more. It takes at least 50 of us to make it joyfully happen. It's lots of fun, and the 'work' is joyful when done in community. Be there! You can sign up online (uuyarmouth.ivolunteer.com/clamfest_2017) or sign up in the Gathering Room. There are 150 slots to fill – most are just 4 hours, so sign up for more than one!

CELEBRATION

Knock, Knock. Whooo's there? OWL! OWL Whooo?

OWL be seeing you at First U! We're wrapping up our first-ever community-focused Our Whole Lives program, a human relationship and sexuality course. We partnered with Yarmouth Community Services to offer OWL to any interested 6th and 7th graders and ended up with thirteen participants—ten who were completely new to First U and three who currently participate in our junior youth group. Kids and parents alike have been expressing how much they love OWL and, in group, the kids are engaged, curious, ask great questions, and have a lot of fun. Because of the success, we'll be offering OWL again in the fall!

TRANSPARENCY

What's Black and White But Hopefully Not Red All Over?

First Universalist's budget! As our church year enters its final month, we are coming down to the wire – will our ink be black, or will it be RED on June 30? We are very VERY close to having a break-even year, which is a huge accomplishment. So here's the challenge to assure we end up 'in the black': Be sure you fulfill your current financial commitment by June 30 — AND purchase a 'May Flowers

Garden' item or gift cards for spring events (available in the Gathering Room), participate in the June 3 yard sale, come to the Gather dinner on June 29, renew (or start) a Hannaford Card, or simply drop an extra check into the offering plate on Sundays. We can do this! *I found a quick fix for the budget not being in the red.—What?—I removed the red ink cartridge from the printer!*

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MEANWHILE, AT CHURCH

By Gwen Matthews

Sunday, 10:15 am

Yarmouth, ME



Ahh, Sunday Morning News



Hmm, let's
see what's
happening

So, I purchase a gift card



What's this?



Gift cards??

✓ I get the full amount

✓ And the church gets a percentage

✓ Plus a free gift card holder



I'm not sure how the
math works??



Where are you going?

The last
hymn isn't
over yet!



I've got to buy gift cards!!

But it sure is a win-win!

Sunday, 11:35 am

Status update: Finished
buying grad presents
AND supported First U!



What do you call a
baby owl who has
been swimming?



A moist owlette!

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