

GATHERIN' FOR INGATHERING

OPPORTUNITY

Be Part of The Party and Party with a Purpose

9/28 HARVEST FUNDRAISER. Time to grasp your opportunity to contribute to the search for our next settled minister! All are welcome to gather at church 5-7 pm on 9/28 for delicious savory and sweet hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This is a FREE event with childcare available. During the evening, all will be invited to complete a commitment card to be fulfilled by 10/31. This one-time event is hosted by the Board, Search Committee, and Stewardship groups. Backstory: Last June at our annual meeting we agreed to hold a special fall fundraiser to raise the funds for the ministerial search. Our informed estimate of search costs is \$10,000 with half for predictable controlled expenses and half set aside for travel costs for minister candidates.

CELEBRATION

Allow Me to Direct You Directly to The Directory

Ring ring. What's that sound? Why it is you, of course, on an old timey phone, calling up your fellow congregants using the new church directory! Thanks to Congregation Connections and especially to Jerry Myers and Sarah Witte, with the support of Gwen Matthews, the new First Universalist Church directory is now available. Members and friends can pick up a copy at the church, or make a request to the church office (office@uyarmouth.org) to receive an electronic PDF copy. Any corrections or updates can be communicated to Sarah or Jerry.

As always, the directory is offered only as a tool for members and friends to be in touch and for church connection.

TRANSPARENCY

No Clamming Up About the Clam Festival—Considering Change!

We can joyfully report that the hearty First Universalist team survived the HEAT, but not without challenge. Ben Tupper clarified: "As the Clam Festival leadership team stands up, with hands pressed against aching lower backs, to survey the clam flat we have just crossed, we find ourselves wanting a change." The team asked the board to consider change to make First U's

involvement less stressful and safer while still providing opportunities for civic engagement, camaraderie and some level of fundraising. In response, the Stewardship Committee will review the Clam Fest team's report at its 9/16 meeting, and offer recommendations to the Board. *(Average CF earnings are \$4700; this year was \$4400.)*