



Sunday, April 4

EASTER SUNDAY

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and leading worship with
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Child care for the very young

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Highlights!

- MEN'S GROUP FORMING
- ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2
- FEED THE SPIRIT—LITERALLY
- LIVING WITH DEMENTIA
- SUPPORT OUR MISSION TRIP
- FERN STREET MARKET
- CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ministers' Meditations . . .

The Threads That Bind Us

"I want to express my deepest gratitude for the beautiful prayer shawl," he wrote. "I am so very comforted by the loving and caring gestures of those who have reached out. Please let them know that their kindness, grace and giving has greatly touched my heart and helped me find peace."

For some years now, our church has offered handcrafted shawls and blankets as gifts to provide warmth and healing. Our Knitting, Crocheting and Sewing Ministry also creates unique items for sale to raise funds to carry on the ministries of this church. The camaraderie and care that go into every stitch are a testament to the generous spirit of our crafters. They gather to knit and to talk, and sometimes to stand in a circle to bless a gift for the newborns or the newly grieving among us. Some crafters have been active for years, some for minutes – all are welcome and the advice is free. Some crafters work from home and some like to be in the group. This ministry is integral to our church community, and finds itself in need of nurturing. *We need more volunteers* to carry on this work and to meet the needs of this congregation in a direct, tangible and memorable way. Join by contacting Marian Smith, Janet Wood or Monica Prestiani for times and places.

These are the visible threads that hold us together in a loving community. The invisible threads are just as important. Every Sunday, people cross our threshold looking for welcome, and sometimes something more – a healing acceptance. I have never been more aware of this than I am today. In mid-March, I attended the True Colors conference and connected with youth and parents and ministers who struggled with rejection from their own churches and temples. I was struck anew by how fiercely many fought to stay connected to their faith and were able to do so; and, sadly, how many had to go through despair and look for another place of worship and community. A significant number of us are here to be healed after years of searching. They don't wear signs that shout out their pasts – so perhaps we can adopt ways of offering an invisible shawl to the people we meet whether we've known them for years or just minutes. Hospitality is the essence of church; from the moment we walk in the door to the moment we take our leave. Remember those wonderful words that our long-time minister, Wallace Fiske, loved so much:

Above all, let us be kind to one another.

Nearly everyone we meet is fighting a hard battle.

We are all sometimes troubled, anxious, hurting and heavy of heart.

Let us all be kind to one another and to everyone as far as we can reach.

Rev. Sarah



Come to the Annual Meeting

Whether you are new to the church or a life-long member, the Annual Meeting is the best place to learn about the biggest developments in our congregational life. The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 2**. Lunch will be served in Fiske Hall immediately following the 11 AM service. The official call to order will come at 12:30 PM and the meeting is expected to last about an hour. Child care will be available during the meeting.

The meeting will include the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award, as well as reports from the Senior Minister and the Policy Board on the state of the congregation, our church finances, and key initiatives in the church. We will discuss details of the current strategic planning process, and the congregation will elect new members to the Policy Board and the Nominating Committee.

The annual meeting is an excellent forum to bring forward ideas and concerns for the future of our congregation. Suggestions from members at last year's meeting directly resulted in a number of new initiatives within the church. The Diversity Task Force was formed to pursue a culturally inclusive congregation. Also, a review of socially responsible investment options was completed and the church has initiated changes in our endowment fund allocations. These are just two examples of exciting changes initiated from discussion among members at last year's annual meeting.

Discussion at this year's meeting is sure to help generate new and exciting directions for our congregation. The future of our congregation belongs to all of us. Please join us at the annual meeting. Bring your voice and help shape our future.

Policy Board Members:

David Arnott	Scott Kaslusky
Mary Fournier	Scott MacCloy
Ray Giolitto, Moderator	Jan Nielsen (ex-officio)
Peggy Gray	Kent Smith

Men's Group Forming

About 25 men convened at the church on February 25 to discuss the formation of a Men's Group and possible activities for this spring. All expressed interest in creating a community of fellowship where folks meet and get to know better other men in the church. It was decided to "experiment" with different events to see where interests lie. It was also concluded that all events, no matter the context, would include some form of spiritual practice. The following events have now been scheduled:

Discussion Groups: 7 to 9 PM on Wednesdays
March 31, April 28 and May 26 in the Brown Program Center.

Church Yard Clean Up & Landscaping: Saturday
April 10th (Time TBD)

Hike at the West Hartford Reservoir: Saturday
May 1st. (Time TBD)

In addition, we plan to reconvene as a group in June to discuss what was learned through these initial events and to plan out activities for the church year beginning in September.

All men are welcome to participate in any or all of the events. Please contact Martha Winslow (mwinslow@westhartforduu.org) if you would like to add your name to the Men's Group contact data base so you'll receive occasional emails about upcoming activities.

It seems we are off to a good start but are very open, so please send us additional ideas or questions. Contact **Jon Wheeler** (jpwheeler@aol.com) or **Bart Bracken** (bbracken@soluciaconsulting.com)

A Picture Is Worth 1000 Words

Pictures speak louder than words. Many potential new members walk in our doors because of pictures they have seen on our website. We **desperately** need a small team of people who regularly take pictures for us and then manage the process by selecting the best ones for us to use. We need to update our website regularly with current photographs, and would also like to show pictures of church events regularly at coffee hour. If you can't take pictures on a regular basis, perhaps you would be willing to take them at one particular church event? Help our members and our visitors take a peek at our congregational life. Please be a part of a photo ministry. We will hold an organizing meeting in April, date TBA. Contact **Martha Winslow**, 860.233.3669 x109 or mwinslow@westhartforduu.org.

Membership Matters

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or 233-3669, Ext. 109

Membership Advisory Team Update

When the Membership Team met in March, we continued discussing the feedback from the Membership Forums we held in January. In our meeting, we again acknowledged how the membership process belongs to each and every one of us. We decided to institute a “membership tip of the month” to make it easier for you to think of ways you can make a difference. Many of the tips have come from you. (Keep the tips coming!)

So many of us have reactions to the sermons we hear and long to discuss them with others. For those who are interested, we are planning on facilitating a discussion of the sermon once month after each of the services as an alternative to attending coffee hour. Stay tuned to the Weekly Notes for the announcement of the first discussion.

Feed the Spirit—Literally

Do you like to cook? How about getting together with a group of friends to work on a project? Imagine muffins being pulled out of the oven, just as people show up for coffee hour. Imagine flipping flapjacks and helping create a leisurely pancake breakfast for people to eat either before or after attending the Sunday Service. Or maybe you can imagine partaking yourself; instead of going out to a restaurant for a meal, how about sitting down to dinner with other church members with the proceeds benefiting a particular charity? These are just a few of the ideas for a food ministry that we would like to start here at the church. We have a large, beautiful commercial kitchen next to Fiske Hall that is currently being underutilized. Several people have already told us they are interested in getting a food ministry going. How about you? Could you commit to helping make just one of the above ideas a reality? Or maybe you would like to be a regular participant? If this is of interest, please contact **Martha Winslow**. We will hold an organizing meeting on **April 11 at 10:15AM**. Please come!

Membership Tip of the Month:

Wear your name tag **every** Sunday. (Wear a temporary one if you have to—you will find blank name tags on the table by the front doors of the church.) Get a permanent one by signing up on the Membership Board outside the Membership Office or in Fiske Hall or by speaking to **Martha Winslow**, Member Services Coordinator.

Save the Date!



We will be sending invitations a few weeks before the event, but mark your calendars now for our annual New Member Dinner on Friday, **May 7, at 7 PM**. We celebrate your new commitment to our church with good food and good conversation. Questions? Please contact **Martha Winslow**, Member Services Coordinator.

Calling Our Members of more than Two Years: I Need Your Help!

Learn the secrets of cooking our famous Chicken Marabella! Participate in a fun community event that helps welcome our new members! Our New Member Dinner is just a little over 6 weeks away on Friday, **May 7**. I need a small crew to help on Thursday, May 6, to prep for the event, as well as help on May 7 to cook and serve and a crew to clean up. Please sign up to help on the bulletin board outside the Membership Office or by contacting **Martha Winslow**.

Minister's Q & A Session, April 25, After Each Service.

Do you have questions about our church and what's involved in being a member of our faith community? Join **Reverend Jan Nielsen** for a brief session after services in her office on the 2nd floor to ask any questions that are on your mind. Refreshments provided. Children welcome! **Contact Martha Winslow**, Member Services Coordinator, for more information.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to our new members:

BETTY WRIGHT
DONNA FREDERICK

May they find their participation in this faith community fulfilling and inspiring.

Living with Dementia

“You have dementia.” When you or your loved one hear those words from your physician, ask the next question: “What is causing it?” says **Patty O’Brian** of the Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias Association. There are many reasons why you might start forgetting things, or have trouble saying what you intended, or have vision or balance problems. Your doctor will perform thorough exams and probably send you to a specialist. When all is said and done, some of us will receive the diagnosis of dementia. Seven out of ten people with dementia have Alzheimer’s. One of over 60 types of dementia, it is the most prevalent form. There are an estimated 5.2 to 5.5 million diagnosed in our country today. Despite this, we still do not know how or why it starts. Age is a risk factor; by the time we are 85 years old, one in two of us will come down with it. Family history doesn’t seem to be a good predictor; it affects some family members and not others.

We know what happens in the brain, but not much more. With Alzheimer’s, the brain starts to develop plaques – a sticky substance that gets between the synapses and interrupts the signals being passed from one part of the brain to another. Tangles form inside the individual brain cells and eventually kill them. When one part of the brain is affected, another part may kick in to help. This is one of the reasons why changes tend to come on gradually, and why they may have escaped our notice when they first started. In fact, many people with Alzheimer’s live with the disease for quite a while and are helped by medications.

Patty O’Brian and **Kat Becker-St.Germain** held two programs on dementia in March to talk about living with Alzheimer’s and caring for someone affected by it. (They welcome any questions or concerns you may have.) The first symptom to catch our attention is usually a memory glitch. This is because the hippocampus, or under brain, is typically the first to be affected by Alzheimer’s. The hippocampus sorts types of memories, and thus our ability to receive things to remember, store them, and retrieve them later. The key issue that distinguishes memory changes with dementia is that, unlike ordinary memory loss, such changes disrupt daily life. Later on, language, vision and balance will be affected as well.

If you suspect that you might be experiencing something more serious than usual forgetfulness or have other symptoms, keep a journal of the changes you are seeing. Keep track of your medications, and changes in your medications. See your primary care physician – most are well versed in telling the difference between one possible cause and another. Your doctor may refer you to a neurologist, psychiatrist, psychologist, sociologist or

social worker who specializes in the elderly or memory disorders. These specialists will be your support team, so take the time to know them well.

O’Brian and Becker-St.Germain have a wide range of tips and suggestions for caregivers and care partners. Their advice is grounded in four basic notions. The first is to find out everything you can. The Alzheimer’s Association and the Family Caregiver Alliance are excellent online resources that also offer support over the telephone. Second, caregivers need to practice healthy self-care. Plan for respite breaks without guilt. People who have not walked this journey don’t know this journey and you cannot live by their expectations. As Alzheimer’s progresses, the person may not sleep for days. We need to have help arranged to cope with this. The third is to ask yourself “How can I bring success into my loved one’s day?” Dementia days can be filled with a lot of failures. At the end of his day, he may tell you that he cannot handle one more word in his brain. Instead, find what he has always loved to do. Ask: “How can I reduce her frustration?” What brings her comfort, what brings her peace? Fourth, remember that the reasons behind the things our loved ones say and do are mysteries that we can usually solve if we know enough. This disease is very emotionally driven, says O’Brian. What is the *emotion* behind his questions? Behaviors come out of a reaction to his or her environment. She may be uncomfortable or startled into a fearful reaction. As her anxiety goes up, her ability to function will go down.

Persons with dementia do not experience their environment the same way we do. It might take them longer to connect with your presence, so they don’t have a chance to respond to you if you say hi and breeze past. Stop what you are doing and connect. The field of attention gets smaller and smaller until it is just right in front of the person, about where they might hug someone. So avoid talking from behind, or suddenly pushing their wheelchair – it can be frightening. Depth perception and our ability to see color are also affected. Someone wearing a black dress or t-shirt might be seen as a head floating in a dark hole! A change in floor covering from tile to rug might provoke a fear of falling. A white plate loaded with white or pale food might appear empty. White on white bathroom fixtures may be invisible. Once you learn how our perceptions change with this disease, it is a lot easier to figure out what our loved one is trying to tell us.

Patty O’Brian, Kat Becker-St-Germain and I salute everyone living with dementia. It requires each of us to be someone more and different than we have been. With support, we learn to watch and listen and slow down and touch and guide. If we are wise, our priorities change, and we find ourselves living in the moment. It can lead us to fatigue, but it can also lead us to appreciate life as something precious. Please call **Rev. Sarah** if you would like to talk or want a referral. At coffee hour, Kat Becker-St. Germain will display helpful material and answer your questions.

Our Caring Church

We are delighted to welcome brand new lives to our church family! **Rowan Thaddeus Harned** was born to our Youth Choir Director **John Harned** and his wife and young son. **Ella Segal Rodrigues** was born to **Julia Segal and Daniel Rodrigues**, extended family of **Rev. Sarah**.

We send healing thoughts to those of us who have been plagued by illness and injuries, among them: **Lori Bergland, Auden Woolfson, Hans Schafer, and Monica Prestiani**.

We hold in our hearts those among us who have suffered losses. **Ray Giolitto**, his wife **Julia**, and daughters **Lindsay and Bianca** mourn the loss of Ray's father **Arthur**. **Rev. Sarah** and her family lost a beloved elder relative, **Miriam Golden**. **Rev. Sarah** will officiate at her memorial service on April 10th. We grieve with **Fran Baiamonte**, her husband **Al Bidorini** and their family as they mourn the sudden passing of Fran's uncle **John DeFabio**. We hold in our prayers **Kaitlyn Owens**, niece of **Rev. Jan** and her husband **Roger Jeremiah**. **Kaitlyn** recently lost her husband, **Sergeant Vincent Owens** in Afghanistan. He was 21.

The Care Team will meet **April 26** from **7 to 8 PM** in the Brown Program Center. The topic is *Basic Concepts in Caring*.

Spring Luncheon

The Spring Luncheon will be held **Friday, April 30**. Worship is at **11:30** in the Sanctuary and the Luncheon is at **12 noon** in Fiske Hall.

Creative Hands

Creative Hands welcomes knitters, crocheters and other needle crafters. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 AM to noon in the lounge. Some items we make are donated to RSVP; others find their way to the craft table at the Fern Street Market.

Our Knitting Ministry

We are knitters and crocheters who gather together in the spirit of love and fellowship. Have you noticed how many of your friends are knitting now? Have you always wanted to learn to knit or crochet?

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at **7:30 PM**. Our next meeting will be on **April 20** in the upstairs Lounge. We are a special small group ministry who have made prayer shawls for people in times of joy,

crisis, illness, birth, death, love and friendship. Hopes and prayers are woven into the shawls by the hands of the knitters/crocheters; they are blessed by those gathered at our meetings and given away to bring comfort and peace to the recipients. We hope you will join us. Come, we will provide your first needles and yarn as well as instructions. If you have any questions, you can contact **Marian Smith**, Marsmith@hartford.edu or 860.313.0215.

Thanks, Doug!

Thank you, Doug Howard, for the recent donation of books for our book collections around the church. Most of them are items for our upcoming Fern Street Market in May. Many books have been added to our Church Library and our Book Exchange in the Brown Program Center.

Social Action

Support Our Mission Trip

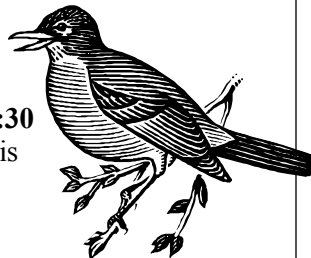
Please give generously to support our mission trip to New York in April. The Mission Trip will leave West Hartford Sunday, **April 18** for New York City and return Thursday, **April 22**. Our Church has 7 adults and 13 youth going. We will be collecting a special offering on Palm Sunday, **March 28**. The trip will incur travel and lodging expenses, in addition to meals and the program fees for the Youth Services Opportunities Project. We haven't finalized our calculations as yet, but estimate the cost to be between \$300 and \$400 per person. If you would like to sponsor a youth, please contact **Tracey Wilson** or **Rev. Sarah**.

Diversity Task Force

The Diversity Task Force will meet **Sunday, April 18** at **10 AM** in the Brown Program Center.

Fertile Ground

Fertile Ground community networking breakfast series will meet Saturday, **April 17**, in the Brown Program Center. Breakfast is at 9:30AM and the meeting begins at **10 AM**.



Church School News

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April Intergenerational Services

On three **Sundays (April 4, April 18, and April 25)**, we will have Intergenerational Services. Childcare will be provided for the very young. Church school aged children will remain in the sanctuary with their families. We will place springtime books along the windowsills and distribute pipecleaners to keep drifting minds and fingers occupied. Be sure to use these opportunities to help your children become familiar and comfortable with our worship services.

Guest at your Table

This social justice outreach program of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is an opportunity to share what we have (and often take for granted) with the rest of the world. The UUSC works to protect important rights such as the right to water and the right to education. By placing a Guest at Your Table box (available in Fiske Hall) on your family supper table and collecting coins, you are supporting the UUSC's efforts for justice, equity and compassion. Boxes with accumulated coins should be returned to the Religious Education Office no later than Sunday, **April 25**.

Thank You Senior High Youth Group

The March 14 Youth Sunday Service was indeed an occasion to bring us all hope for the future. Our thanks extend as well to advisors **Dan and Marissa Bouchard**, and senior parents **Tracey Wilson, Shari Lanza, and Sam Lanza**.

Thanks From Sanchez School and hawkwing

Thanks to everyone who donated tissues, band-aids, and hand sanitizers to our supply drive. Your donations were received by a very grateful staff. And thanks to all who brought in used books for Sanchez and hawkwing. There are many children and youth in Hartford and on the reservation whose lives will be enriched by your donations.

All for Fun and Fun for All

Well not exactly. A lot of hard work went into our First Annual Family Fun Day on February 28. And there was a very serious outcome – the event brought in \$893 for three charities: Alex's Lemonade Stand, Our Companions, and Heifer International. Nonetheless plenty of fun was had by all. There were more than 100 children, parents, and teachers spread out around the building on an otherwise dreary Saturday afternoon. Family Fun Day was the brainchild of our 11 AM Fifth

Grade Class and our Junior High Youth Group. The two groups hit upon the idea for a service project independently and then decided to join forces. They worked together in January and February to plan an event that would not only include lots of games and crafts, but lunch and a bake sale as well.

When the day of the event came, everyone had his or her assignment. Some ran the activities: Twister, Musical Chairs, The Limbo, Bingo, Scavenger Hunt, Cake Walk, Bean Bag Toss, Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Dance-Dance-Revolution, Arts and Crafts. Some took charge of the kitchen or the bake sale. Some painted bright colorful designs on beaming faces. The Winslow Family provided a sweet treat in the form of a Chocolate Fountain! And to top it off, each participant paid his or her own way so that more money could be raised for charity.

Those of us who participated in Family Fun Day have fond memories. Junior High Youth Advisor **Margarita Perez** said "I was very impressed at how the children got to work setting everything up, they worked quickly, but really paid attention to detail and wanted everything to look just so." Advisor **Tom Oxman** said "This was really a community event, and I think we can all be proud of the work we did together, the fun we had together, and the charitable contribution that we made. I also appreciate the support we received from the church families outside of our classes." "As a busy parent, I appreciated getting the chance to relax and hang-out with other parents, something I don't have time to do on Sundays" said parent **Martha Winslow**.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful young people and their teachers/advisors and teen assistants who helped make the day extraordinary: **Emma Considine, Kenneth Galm, Patrick Gustafson, Sarah Healy, Javier Jerez, Katie Konigsberg, Shannon Manchester, Joseph Marks, Sam Morgan, Daniel Padberg-Bartoo, Sam Palczewski, Olivia Porriello, David Winslow, Andrew Bertini, Elise Falkin, Paul Konigsberg, Tricia Sobraske, Erik Bergland, Alex Healy, Jonathan Keach-Longo, Mary Majerus-Collins, Scott Wheeler, Claire Wyman, Anna Schone, Jake Binder, Emma Briggs, Daniela Jerez, Celeste Kurz, Anna McCarthy-Reynolds, Ali Morgan, Natalie Padberg-Bartoo, Kevin Shea, Lisa Shea, Delaney Wilbur, Adam Brown, Kayla Lanza, Tessa Ridel, Tom Oxman, Sam Lanza, Margarita Perez**. This list does not include the many parents who helped out as well – thanks for lending a hand.

Love, Sally

The Universalist, the newsletter of the Universalist Church of West Hartford, provides parishioners and friends with information about our congregation and our larger community. Please send changes to any of your contact information to: Martha Winslow, Member Services Coordinator, The Universalist Church, 433 Fern Street West Hartford, CT 06107 mwinslow@westhartforduu.org

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**Life Long
Learning**

Daytime Book Group

The Daytime Book Group will meet Thursday, **April 1** from **1:15 to 3 PM** in the Parlor. We will discuss *Private Patient* by P.D. James.

Tuesday Evening Book Group

The Tuesday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss *Missing Mom*, by Joyce Carol Oates, on **April 6**. On **May 4**, we will be meeting to discuss *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. Please join us.

Women Gather for Potluck

Women Gather for Potluck will meet **Thursday, April 9** at **6:15 PM** in the Brown Program Center. Our featured speaker is **Martha Winslow**.

The Church Gets a Facelift

We'd like to share some wonderful news! The Universalist Church has received a magnificent gift from one of our church families...a financial donation for the complete renovation of the wooden facade and pillars in the front of the church. The work on this very important project began March 1 and is scheduled for completion in early April. We are grateful for the generosity of this family and, on behalf of the entire congregation, we thank them for this amazing gift.

Another church family has also given a very generous gift...they will make a monetary donation to cover the cost of the repair and painting of the west side entrance next to the Memorial Garden. We thank them for their generosity.

Frank Garcia of Frank's Home Improvements, the contractor on these projects, repainted the narthex at no cost to the church. We are grateful for his generosity.

We hope you will donate, volunteer and attend!

The Fern
Street Mar-
ket

An Old Fashioned
Church Fair

Preview Night -
Friday, May 14
from 6:30 to 8:30
Saturday, May 15,
from 9 am to 12 pm

We are now accepting donations. Donations can be left in the portico Monday through Friday between 9 and 1 and after services on Sunday. Please follow donation guidelines on back.

Volunteer—We are seeking bakers and hors d' oeuvres makers, cashiers, help setting up, clean up, sales. Are you a gardener? We need your help. Check out the display in Fiske hall at coffee hour or sign up on the bulletin board.

Attend—Join us on Preview Night Friday May 14 for appetizers, beverages and first pick of the items for sale. Tickets \$5/adults, \$2/children. On sale at coffee hour or pay at the door that evening.

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Contact person: Dee Newton 561-5645 or email dee.newton@sbcglobal.net

Donation Guidelines

Antiques and Uniques—Antiques are at least 50 years old, uniques are unusual, funky, wacky, or shabby chic decorative items and they can be newer. Donations must be in excellent condition, some possibilities: crystal, china, pottery, glass, figurines, framed prints, paintings, sterling silver, vintage clothing, and wicker furniture. Large items can be dropped off beginning May 10.

The Garden Shoppe—Please donate your “UU” grown perennials—hosta, astilbe, daylilies, and beebalm to name a few. Plants can be left starting Monday May 10 in clean plastic pots labeled with your name, plant name and bloom color. Also looking for ceramic pots, unusual baskets, statuary or useful garden accessories.

Bake Sale—Sign up to bake! Pies, cakes, cookies, breads, muffins, can be dropped off wrapped and labeled on Friday May 14.

Book and CDs—Children’s, hardcover and paperback books, CDs, DVDs, albums, tapes in good condition.

Handcrafts—Please consider donating an item or two to the Handcraft Booth. Woodworking, knitting, sewing, cards or other craft items! Please leave labeled with your name and estimated value.

Gently Used Spring and Summer Clothing—Accepting women’s, men’s and children’s clothing, shoes, hats, purses. Please make sure items are in good condition without stains or rips.

Please no household items, electronics, linens, etc. We are only selling, clothing, books, and antiques and uniques!