

Dear UUCM Members and Friends,

The world around has been deeply shaken in the past year. We have not been communing in person for over a year now. Here is **HAPPY NEWS!** The surf, sand and stars are still strong on the coast. We are planning our annual weekend retreat at **FERRY BEACH** for **the 2nd weekend in September!** Please mark your calendars to come with your families and friends for group sustenance, laughter, song, reflection, or solitude, if you must.

Ferry Beach Happenings: Many of you have shared in this tradition for years. Some of you may be new to the event. Traditionally, those who can arrive Friday afternoon and check into their room, cabin/cottage or campsite with meals on their own after check in. All other meals through Sunday noon are shared in the dining hall. No buffet this year. We gather on Saturday for breakfast and then things get hopping! Volunteers plan activities such as sand castle building, sing-a-longs, card/board/puzzle games, art/craft projects for kids or adults, meditation on the beach, a talent show, trivia contest, campfire with s'mores, Happy Hour with finger foods on the porch, Sunday morn service in the grove and just plain chatting on the porch, the beach, in the grove to solve the world's problems. Of course, you don't need to be involved at all but can wander off to revive your soul. An exciting new feature will be "Rev. Shayna's Hospitality Booth in the Campground" where you can meet the minister.

Activities: Anyone wishing to plan and offer an activity is surely welcome to do so. *More info to come on the schedule.* Check-out is Sunday morning but we are allowed to stay on the grounds through the afternoon.

Registration: UUCM will be at Ferry Beach **September 10-12, 2021.** You register yourself/family directly with Ferry Beach by phone or by completing this [Registration Form](#). On the form indicate your room/camping preference and meal plan. More details at www.ferrybeach.org. **The final deadline for signups is August 28th.**

COVID-19 Information: Ferry Beach has established a Sustainability task force to advise the board and staff regarding decisions related to the COVID-19 crisis. At this time, they are moving forward with summer programs. Staff will consider each individual program one month before the program start date. Decisions will be based upon a set of criteria based on federal, state and local guidelines. I encourage you to visit their website, www.ferrybeach.org for the latest information on how they are dealing with the response to COVID-19. The website is updated on a regular basis and has the most up to date information.

Fees: The \$100 registrant fee you pay will be deducted from your total and you pay the balance upon arrival at FB.

Fees each group shall pay:

Lodging: Based on room selected, individuals will register directly with Ferry Beach

Meals: \$65/Adult, \$45/Youth (ages 9-17), Under 9 are FREE, based on 5 Meal Plan

Other: \$100 Membership Fee—already paid by UUCM

Minus Deposit: \$100 for Membership pd by UUCM, \$100/Registrant (paid by individual/family)

If anyone feels the need for financial assistance to attend our weekend retreat, please contact Jamie, Rev. Shayna or myself for details. UUCM has a scholarship program set-up for such needs. And anyone so inclined to donate to this fund is appreciated. Historically, a small fee was added at registration, but changes have complicated that.

You may contact me for any questions at 603-897-9645 or annbarker@baiscreening.com If I don't know the answer, I will get back to you when I secure it.

Keep looking to the East for sunshine and fun together,

Ann Barker, 2021 Ferry Beach Coordinator