

Lancaster Events this Month

Town of Lancaster

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First Church Bullfinch 200th Anniversary

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 30, the Church's Bullfinch 200 committee along with the Bullfinch Fund (separate, not church affiliated) is kicking off a year-long celebration of the iconic building and its rich history in the town of Lancaster. After the town's annual Memorial Day ceremony on the town green (9am to 10am) and the main street parade (10am to 11:30am), the First Church/Meeting house will host free ice cream for the kids beginning at 11:30, and offer tours as well as information on the building and its interesting past. There will also be hot dogs, soda and chips available for visitors.

There will be several events held in celebration of the 200th anniversary during the year, including lectures, special musical performances, an organ concert, an art contest and show, as well as a capstone celebration in the spring of 2017.

Special Upcoming Events Include:

Sunday, May 22, 1PM - 5PM "An American Masterpiece-A Tour Back in Time" Historical Tours of First Church sponsored by Freedom's Way.

Monday, May 30, 11:30AM - 1:30PM
Official kick off of the Bullfinch 200th Celebration.

Sunday, June 12, 2-4PM Lecture:
"1816, the year without a summer" by David Spanagel

Look for an updated calendar on the web site of First Church - <http://www.firstchurchlanasterma.org/200th-anniversary-celebration>

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Remember, you can unsubscribe at any time by emailing "unsubscribe" to "townclerk@lanasterma.net"

PLEASE NOTE:

The Lancaster Farmers Market has been **cancelled** for the 2016 season.

KEY



Helpful Information



Save the Date!



News!



Neighboring Towns



Memorial Hall

A Civil War Footprint on Lancaster's Town Green



Join us at

Thayer Memorial Library on Lancaster's Town Green



For more information phone 978-368-8928 ext. 4

Built in 1868, Memorial Hall was funded by the residents of Lancaster.

The two-fold design of the building:

- As a memorial to those Lancastrians who died during the Civil War
- As a Town Library for the citizens of Lancaster

Special Guided Tours of
Lancaster's Civil War Memorial

Saturday, May 14 @ 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Visit Thayer Memorial Library's Museum after the tour.

717 Main Street, Lancaster

PRESS RELEASE: Freedom's Way National Heritage Area together with over sixty partners from the 45 towns and cities within its bounds announce Hidden Treasures 2016, a nine-day regional celebration. Beginning **Saturday, May 14th through Sunday, May 22nd**, communities across the 994 square mile Freedom's Way area, home to over 750,000 people, will offer free public programs featuring one or more "hidden treasures" in their town.

From nature hikes and museum open houses to urban walking tours and art events, **Hidden Treasures 2016** offers a diversity of activities that highlight the many cultural, historical and natural treasures of our region. This year's website, www.discoverhiddentreasures.org, is a great resource to plan your regional adventure from the more than 100 activities offered.

Go to http://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/Pages/LancasterMA_Events/S02383F5D-023B9583.1/Hidden%20Treasures%20Press%20Release%20Template%20for%20Memorial%20Hall%20F.pdf for the full text of this press release.



The Lancaster Firefighters Association & Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner

**Annual Spaghetti &
Meatball Dinner**

Sunday May, 15th, 2016

from 1pm – 6pm

Fire Department Headquarters at
1055 Main Street

Ticket Prices will be \$6.00 for adults,
\$4.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and
children 4 and under eat for FREE.



Tickets can be obtained by calling
the Lancaster Fire Association

(978) 368-4003





First Church of Christ Unitarian

May 22: Children's Sunday. A celebration of our children and our Religious Education Program.

May 29: "200 Years of Witness." We begin our 200th anniversary celebration of Lancaster's Bulfinch Meeting House with a Memorial Day reflection on the events and issues this monumental building has witnessed and been part of since its construction in 1816.

Our weekly **Meditation Group** has been temporarily moved from Tuesday to Thursday evenings for the month of May. Join us from 6-7:30 in the Church Parlor. Practitioners of all levels are welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

Saturday, May 21, 2016

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Thayer Memorial Library, Dexter Thayer Room, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523

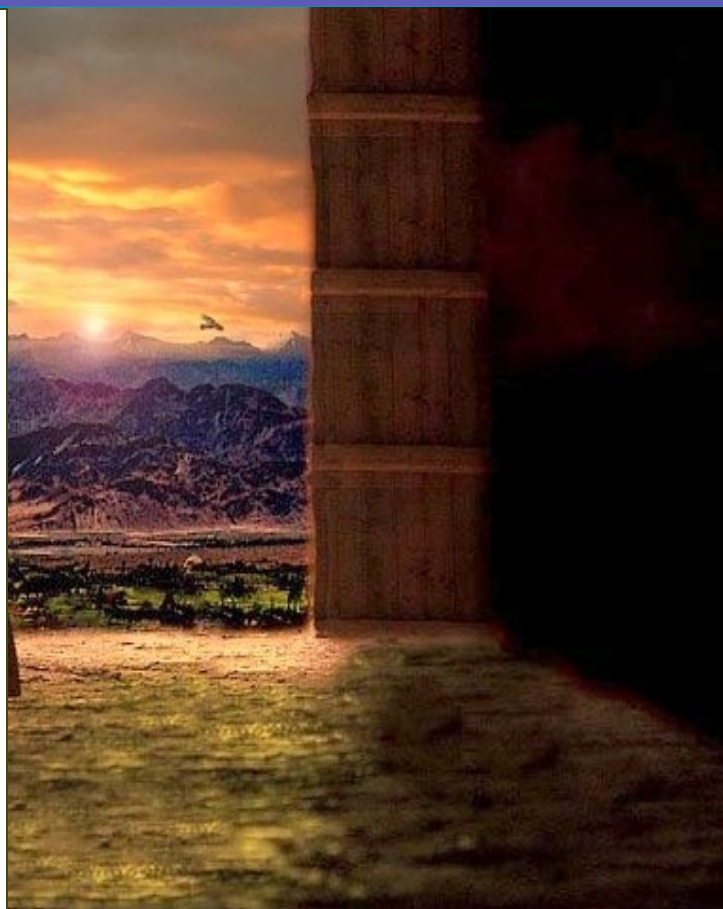
Writing and the Spiritual Life with Reverend Robert Johansen

In this workshop we will sample contemporary spiritual writing drawn from several genres, explore qualities that make writing spiritual, and compare and contrast spiritual writing with other types of writing. The workshop will also include writing exercises to help each participant explore his or her own spiritual experience and how it might be incorporated into other types of writing. Bob Johansen currently serves as Minister of First Church of Christ Unitarian in Lancaster. He describes writing as spiritual practice—paying attention to the movement of the Spirit within us, between us and around us. Bob has worked for over twenty years as an ecumenical spiritual director in the contemplative tradition of the Shalem Institute, has twice been chosen to participate in the Collegeville Ecumenical Writing Workshops at St. Johns University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and was awarded a Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal in 2010. He is the author of over 60 articles on faith and spirituality published in *The Gardener News*; his work is included in Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen's *Words That Sing: Composing Lyrical Prose* (Zion Press, 2012).

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go to <http://sevenbridgewriters.blogspot.com/>





Guided Walk of Pine Hill Area



Join Lancaster Recreation & Lancaster Land Trust for a guided walk of the Pine Hill area in Lancaster, led by Bob Lidstone of the Land Trust.

The walk is scheduled for **Saturday May 14th 10 AM to Noon**. We will park at the end of Pine Hill Road where there is a gate. Our walk follows the cart road over Town-owned property and into the Mass. Fish & Wildlife land in the Bolton Flats area. You will see unique vegetation (pitch pine, scrub oak) and even perhaps the infamous endangered moth habitat and Blanding's turtles.

Lancaster Recreation is hiring a Beach Parking Attendant at the Town Beach for the summer. This is seasonal employment from June 22 through August 20. Interested applicants should contact Committee member Joe Kennedy at kennedy2004@comcast.net for an application.

Lancaster Recreation is hiring swim instructors (WSI) for this summer at the Town Beach. Interested applicants should contact Committee member Joe Kennedy at:

kennedy2004@comcast.net for details.

Lancaster Garden Club's PLANT SALE

**SATURDAY MAY, 28
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Lancaster Town Green

Early Admission 8:00 for LGC Members Only

**Rain or
Shine**



CAMP CRAFT LANCASTER IS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS NUMEROUS AND DIVERSE ACTIVITIES FOR CAMPERS AGES 5-13.

THE PROGRAM SERVES LANCASTER RESIDENTS AS WELL AS CHILDREN FROM NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

9:00AM-4:00PM

- LOW CAMPER TO COUNSELOR RATIOS.
- STAFFING THAT IS MINIMALLY 18 YEARS OLD.
- A WIDE RANGE OF UNIQUE AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES.



JUN 27-JUL 1

JUL 4-JUL 10

JUL 11-JUL 15

JUL 18-JUL 22

JUL 25-JUL 29

AUG 1-AUG 5

AUG 8-AUG 12

AUG 15-AUG 18

AUG 22-AUG 26

\$265/CAMPER/WEEK

EXTENDED DAY

\$60/WEEK OR \$15/DAY FROM 7:30-9:00AM

\$80/WEEK OR \$20/DAY FROM 4:00-6:00PM

\$125/WEEK OR \$35/DAY FOR BOTH



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WWW.COMMUNITYRECREATION.ORG/LANCASTER/LANCASTER.HTML

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