

Discovery

“What is yours to do does not necessarily have to bridge all divides across the country. It doesn’t have to be to end the opioid epidemic. What is yours to do could be right in front of you. In a small place, that is so much easier to see, sometimes: that just one action, or one point of connection, can strengthen your humility and commitment to the space around you.”
 ~ Whitney Kimball Coe

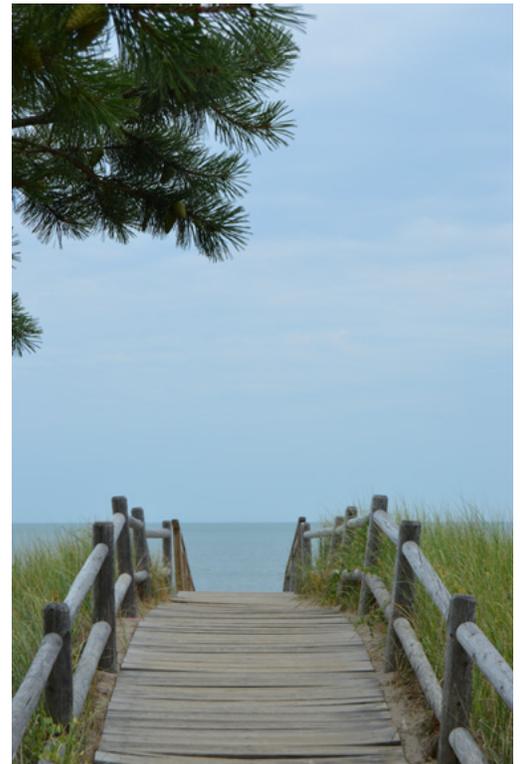
As we awaken to the deeper challenges that are occurring around us, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. “What can I do?” you think, as you scan the headlines each morning.

We must care enough about the world to do the thing that is in front of us. When is the last time a kindness we did was directed at the people closest to us? Not the everyday tasks that our family members come to expect of us, but something more, something different, something unanticipated perhaps?

Part of waking up to the world is seeing with new eyes, that which is in front of us. It maybe the places and people we take for granted in our lives: the teacher, the mail carrier, or the grocery clerk. What if we began noticing all of the ways that people in our lives matter to us and we let them know?

Our challenge as conscious humans on the planet at this time seems to be to really notice one another and our precious planet. We have an opportunity to change the way we are all walking around this beautiful earth. We can continue to accept the status quo, or we can use the shocking headlines of the last year to wake up and become the loving beings we are called to be.

This summer and throughout this next year, we will be exploring Love in Action. As Ferry Beach undergoes its transformation to a year round facility, we are excited to share with you all of the ways we are thinking about living our mission statement: awakening universal love. There are still winter conferences to come and a host of exciting summer conferences starting in June. Visit Ferry Beach to practice love in action!





New Full-Time Staff Member: Laura Vickery

As we begin the new year, Ferry Beach welcomes our “newest” full-time employee, Laura Vickery! Newest is in quotes because Laura is not exactly a new employee of Ferry Beach, but rather has been hired as a full-time, year-round staff! Laura started at Ferry Beach in 2016 as a summer registration assistant. She was rehired as a part-time administrative staff member in January 2017. With her extensive background in creative arts, Laura took over the art programs at Ferry Beach in the summer of 2017 and did an amazing job!

Laura was born in Massachusetts and began practicing art as soon as she could hold a crayon. She started working professionally as an artist while still in high school by teaching art and selling her work. She moved to Maine to attend Maine College of Art and received her Bachelors degree in Fine Art, majoring in Ceramics. Laura’s family has the honor of the title of America’s Most Creative Family and was recognized by Weekend Magazine. She has worked as manager and buyer for many art galleries, been a production artist for a jeweler and glass blower, and maintains her own line of art which is sold in galleries, stores and on her online Etsy shop. Being at Ferry Beach combines her love of art, nature, teaching, and community. Laura’s artistic background and her loving personality perfectly aligns with Ferry Beach’s mission buckets: “Culture & the Arts” and “Caring for the Earth.”



This Fall, Laura took over the Ferry Beach Art Auction! With plenty of fabulous art, great food and such a lively and energetic crowd, the auction was a great success. We look forward to an even bigger and brighter event next fall with Laura at the helm.



In the off-season, Laura will continue to work towards developing summer art programs. She will also be coordinating our Beach Keepers program, facilitating Ferry Beach weddings, and continue to assist with administrative, maintenance, and marketing projects.

All of the staff thrilled to have her join us as a full-time employee and look forward to the creativity, energy and spirit she brings to our team.

Family Conference Pricing Structure

Our rates have changed for our family conferences in 2018. RE Week, Family & Friends and UUFAB will now have this new pricing structure so that all family members can participate in afternoon activities! For adults registering for the morning & evening workshops, the price will remain \$266 (\$228 RE Week). For those adults not wanting to take part in the morning workshops but want to participate with their families in the afternoons and evenings, we will only be charging half the conference fee, \$133 (\$114 RE Week).

Winter Programs

Now that the holidays are over, you can start thinking about some rest and relaxation at the beach again! Though it's not as warm and sunny as we would all like, there are still some great programs taking place with plenty of warm and cozy overnight lodging options. For complete program details, visit www.ferrybeach.org/winter



FEB 3-4: ferrybeach.org/wp



FEB 16-19: ferrybeach.org/quilting



FEB 20-23: ferrybeach.org/show1



FEB 23-25: ferrybeach.org/reiki



FEB 3-4: ferrybeach.org/parenting

JUN 24 - JUL 7: Youth Camps
JUL 15: DAYLA (GAYLA for a day)
 Featuring the Kinsey Sicks
AUG 11: Concert Featuring Kelley Hunt & Rodney Mashia
SEP 1: Labor Day Cookout with live music from the Downeast Soul Coalition
 Family Camps: RE Week, Family & Friends, UUFAP
 New This Year! Our Whole Lives programs for Young Adults!

2018 Theme: "Love in Action"
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Summer 2018 Brochure

Our 2018 Brochure will be on its way to your church very soon! Please help spread the word about Ferry Beach and our summer programs to your friends and families and help ensure that your church hangs it up on their bulletin boards!



WORK & PLAY JUN 24-25
WORK, PLAY & GROW JUN 27-29
PROFOUND TREASURY JUN 30-JUL 04
YOUTH CAMPS JUN 30-JUL 04 & 07
RE WEEK JUL 13
CHORALFEST JUL 14-15
GAYLA JUL 16-17
JUL 15: DAYLA (GAYLA FOR A DAY) FEATURING THE KINSEY SICKS
CIRCLE OF MUSIC AUG 11-17
IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN AUG 11-17

WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT AUG 12-14
SOUL PATH RENEWAL AUG 20-24
SACRED CIRCLE DANCE AUG 18-19
THE BEACH GETAWAY AUG 23-29
ONLY LOVE AUG 24-27
QUILTING BY THE BAY AUG 26-28
OUR WHOLE LIVES AUG 28-31
LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEP 1-3
SEP 1: LABOR DAY COOKOUT WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM THE DOWNEAST SOUL COALITION

Seeking Musician Leadership for ChoralFest 2018

ChoralFest is looking for a Music Director to select music, lead rehearsals, plan the final chapel service, and to conduct the choir in rehearsals at the talent show on Thursday night and for the chapel service Friday morning to end the conference. We are also considering applicants for Musician of the Week. This musician works with the Minister of the Week to choose music for the morning chapel service and to rehearse and lead the choir. The ability to provide accompaniment is advantageous, but not required. For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.ferrybeach.org/choralfest



Big Ways to Give

Ferry Beach relies on you! We have been here providing family fun and inspiration since 1901. We have grown from a single “hotel” on the beach to a community of buildings, a chapel in the woods, a beautiful campground and so much more. As your spiritual home, Ferry Beach is a place we know that you want to preserve and protect for the next 100 years and beyond! We rely on our memberships and your gifts to help maintain and grow Ferry Beach. Please consider the following great ways that you could support Ferry Beach for a sustainable future!



1. **Ferry Beach Giving Tree** www.ferrybeach.org/givingtree
2. **Become a Sustaining Donor** www.ferrybeach.org/sustaining
3. **Consider Leaving a Legacy** www.ferrybeach.org/legacy

Love comes in many sizes and forms. Whether you are willing to make a one-time donation, become a treasured sustainer, or leave a legacy - the love you show us today will be felt throughout the entire Ferry Beach community for years to come! We greatly appreciate which ever way you choose to donate!

www.ferrybeach.org/biglove

Ferry Beach is a welcoming 501 (c) non-profit with a mission to awaken hearts to grow, explore and renew the spirit of universal love by working in the following areas:

 CULTURE & THE ARTS	 EDUCATION	 SPIRITUALITY & UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM	 CARE FOR THE EARTH	 PERSONAL GROWTH	 SOCIAL JUSTICE & ACTION
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