

The Bell-Ringer

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
P.O. Box 1764, Duxbury, MA 02331

NOVEMBER 4, 2013

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Nov. 10: "Don't Forget Your Vet!"** Is there someone special in your life who served our country (or is still doing so)? Email Catherine (The RevCatherine@aol.com) or put a note in her church mailbox with the story about your vet!!
- Nov. 17: "Religious Diversity and the Common Good"** Can people of different faiths share the same values? How can we work toward the "common good" in a religiously pluralistic society? *Special music by pianist Norma Levine!*
- Nov. 24: --"The Ones Who Bless Our Lives"** As we gather in this season of Thanksgiving, we will honor some of the special people who bless us. **(PLEASE BRING FRESH PRODUCE TO SHARE ON OUR TABLE OF BLESSINGS) (CHILDREN'S HARVEST FEAST & BAGS OF BLESSINGS – SEE PAGE 3)**
- Dec. 1: "Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"** Heaven is often thought of as something that is achieved in the after life, but there are those who think of it as an aspect of the world that we are experiencing as we live. What would it mean for you to regard this world as Heaven or Paradise? **(FAMILY SUNDAY & MITTEN TREE WILL BE SUNDAY, DEC. 8)**

WEDNESDAY NOV. 6

Building & Grounds, 9-11:00 a.m.
RE Meeting 7:00p.m.

THURSDAY NOV. 7

Book Club 9:00a.m.
Alliance, 10:00-2:00p.m.
Worship, 7:00p.m.

SUNDAY NOV. 10

Jr. & Sr. Choir, 9:30a.m.
Social Justice, 9:00a.m.
Worship/Church School 10:30a.m.
6:00-7:30p.m. Buddhist Group

HIP OVERNIGHT

MONDAY NOV. 11

VETERAN'S DAY
Finance Meeting, 7:00p.m.
Bible Group 7:00-8:30p.m.

TUESDAY NOV. 12

Small Group Ministry 4:30p.m.
Memoirs 7:15 p.m.
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NOV. 13

Kindred Spirits 10:00-11:30p.m.
Alliance Pot Luck Dinner 6:00p.m.
Growth Team 7:00p.m.
Membership Committee 7:30p.m.

THURSDAY NOV. 14

Book Club 9:00a.m.
Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.
Governing Board Agenda 7:00-8:00pm

SUNDAY NOV. 17

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.
Welcoming Congregation 9:30a.m.
Unit 2 Leaders Meeting 9:30a.m.
Denominational Affairs 12:00p.m.
HIP 6:00-7:30p.m.

Buddhist Group 6:00-7:30p.m.

MONDAY NOV. 18

DRE Relations 7:00p.m.
Bible Group 7:00-8:30p.m.

TUES. NOV. 19 Soul Collage 7-8:30p.m.

Intern Committee 7:00-8:30p.m.
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.
Historical Committee 7:00p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

*There are many poets who love baseball
which is, after all, a metaphor for many things
that happen when there isn't a game.*

(from "The Poet Goes To Fenway" by Mary Oliver)

Dear Friends,

Mary Oliver is right—baseball is indeed a metaphor for many things in life. Imagine a sport (or anything else, for that matter) where you can be successful just 3 out of 10 times for an entire career-- and you will end up in a "Hall of Fame?" Baseball's a good reminder that *excellence* is not the same thing as *perfection*—as human beings we have a hard time being "perfect," but with hard work and determination, we can excel at the things we do.

Baseball also reminds us that, much of the time in life, things are out of our control, and all we can do is to be ready for the "curve balls" that come our way. In other sports you can grab the ball or take the shot—but in baseball, unless you are the pitcher, *the ball comes to you when it comes to you*. And in baseball, no matter how good you are, you just have to wait your turn--your turn to bat happens every nine batters—that's just the way it is!

Unlike other sports, baseball (*like life*) isn't ruled by the clock. As the great player-philosopher Yogi Berra liked to say, "It ain't over 'til it's over!" Three strikes and you're out – and it takes as long as it takes. Nine innings makes a game, no matter how long it takes (unless, of course the game goes into extra innings). And as Hall of Famer Willie Stargell once noted, "When they start the game, they don't yell, "Work ball," they say, "Play ball." A baseball game begins, not with a coin toss, a jump ball or a dropped puck, *but an invitation to play—how wonderful!*

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A liberal religious community dedicated to nurturing individual spiritual development, promoting understanding and working for social justice. We welcome people of all races, backgrounds and sexual orientations.

Rev. Catherine Cullen, Minister
Sunsue Fleming, Director of Religious Education
Edwin Swanborn, Music Director
Elaine Bryant, Bell Choir Director

Rev. Robert R. Walsh, Minister Emeritus
Jackie Smith-Miller, Director of Religious Education, Emerita
Lenore O'Malley, Church Administrator
Alex Pevzner, Jr., Junior Choir Director

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...(cont. from pg. 1)

And then, of course, there's the miracle of this baseball season—baseball, like life, can produce special unexpected moments that truly seem miraculous! I was lucky enough to be at the sixth game. I sat a few rows up from first base, among luminaries like Nancy Pelosi and Robin Williams. But nobody was paying much attention to politicians or Hollywood personalities---everyone in Fenway had their eyes on the ball and on the twenty-five guys who were making an impossible dream come true. And the miracle happened—*from worst to first! How does that happen?* Well, there is one final “life-lesson” I have received from this baseball season.

When my former husband played for the Red Sox, the press would often write about that team, “Twenty-five players, twenty-five cabs.” *This* Red Sox team is different. *I am convinced that early on in the season, these guys realized that they were better together—something we experience here at First Parish Church in a variety of different ways.* Life, like baseball, is essentially a “team sport.” And when good people join together with their talents, their time, their dedication and determination---- anything is possible!!

So thanks to this year's Red Sox team for making a difficult year in the Boston sports world a little brighter. The image of the World Series trophy on the Boston Marathon finish line was poignant indeed. We savor this special time and say “thank-you” to the “boys of summer.” And as the seasons continue to shift and cooler winds begin to blow, I must admit that, from time to time I am beginning to wonder ---“How many days until spring training begins??”

Catherine



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Harvest Celebration, Church School Feast and Canned Goods Collection

Sun., Nov. 24 is the day of our annual Church School Feast and Canned Goods Collection. Our young people will gather in their rooms to prepare a part of the feast and then gather in the Harvey Assembly Hall to enjoy the feast they have prepared and donate their canned goods.

Bag of Blessings Project: You are all invited to participate in our annual Thanksgiving project known as the “Bag of Blessings Project” to benefit less fortunate families in our area.

“Bags” will be distributed on **Sun., Nov. 17** (though any bag will do).

We invite you to make a list of your personal blessings and in appreciation of your blessings, “fill” a bag with canned goods. Maybe one can per blessing? Return “filled” bags on **Sun., Nov. 24** in time to help fill Thanksgiving baskets for less fortunate families.

Bag of Blessings Project:

Again: **Sun., Nov. 17** - bags distributed

Sun., Nov. 24 - bags collected.

Thank you for your caring support.

Unit Team II Church School Leader Meeting – Sun., Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.

Sun., Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m. We will have coffee, donuts and juice. Childcare provided.

Unit Team I Evaluation Meeting – Sun., Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m.

Sun., Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m. We will have coffee, donuts and juice. Childcare provided.

Unit I “Thanks”

Have you thanked your child’s Unit I teacher? Our leaders deserve your high praise and appreciation for their generous gift of time and caring to our young people during Unit I. Let’s hear it for the Unit I Leaders! They do their part in our co-operative church school! A special **THANKS** to **Donna Clifford**, Unit I Leader, from the Religious Education Committee.

Toddlers

Sarah Burton
Emilia Wagner
Deb Worsh

Preschool

Ginger Egan
Jim Beatson

K-1

Heidi Conner
Lisa Graves

Gr. 2-3

Dawn MacKechnie
Larisa Hart

Gr. 4-5

Dawn Parent
Amy Sack

Gr. 6

Nancy Sullivan
Alex Pevzner

Gr. 7-8

Steve Cunningham
Tracy Wagner

HIP

Steve Cunningham
Sunsue Fleming

Rocks Needed For Our Labyrinth

We are moving forward with our plans for a walking labyrinth. This labyrinth will be placed at the bottom of the hill behind the parking lot. We now need **rocks!** Please start bringing rocks from your yard or beach the size of a cabbage or bigger. We will need lots of rocks. Please place them at the bottom of the path to the town forest at the back of the parking lot.

Labyrinth Workshop

Friday November 22nd, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Leader: Sunsue Fleming

Learn labyrinth history, how they help heal people and balance the earth. Learn how to build a labyrinth. Bring a rock the size for a cantaloupe or bigger to add to our First Parish Church Labyrinth. Sign-up sheet is posted outside the office.

SOUL COLLAGE

Mix Imagination and intuition with a group of powerful, “cut-out” Images and you can make a Soul College card. Soul Collage is a process developed by Seena B. Frost, in which you create an incredible deck of cards that have deep personal meaning. With these cards you can explore your inner self and nourish your precious soul. Sign-up sheet is posted outside the office.

Leader: Sunsue Fleming. This class will meet 7:00–8:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 19th

New Youth Advisor Position Approved by Annual Meeting; Applicants Sought

This year, Annual Meeting approved a new position long desired by the RE Committee. The position is Youth Advisor, a part-time paid position dedicated to working with youth in our 9th through 12th grade program, the HIP Group. Working with Sunsue Fleming, our Director of Religious Education and the volunteer advisor to the HIP group (currently Steve Cunningham), the Youth Advisor will help plan, organize, and participate in activities with and for the Youth Group, including the weekly Sunday night meetings, overnights, fundraisers, special events and possibly attendance at GA. The work should take between 12 and 20 hours per month and pays a stipend of \$300 per month during the church year. The ideal candidate would be at least 25 (to ensure enough separation from the group), but also able to relate to youth in a meaningful way. Interested FPC members and friends are encouraged to apply, though applicants will be sought from throughout the region as well. To apply, please submit a resume and letter of interest to uuduxburyhiring@gmail.com. Sunsue and the RE Committee thank the Parish for their support for this important new position and the corresponding enrichment of our youth programming that it should bring.



Holiday Pageant – December 22, 2013

This year our annual Holiday Pageant will be held on **Sun., Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m.** Many of our young people look forward to being in the Pageant. We invite you all to think about your child's participation and to discuss it with them. Usually, we are able to accommodate all those who are interested. The following information may be helpful in deciding if participation will be possible for your child this year.

Here's how young people may participate:

Grades 1-12	Junior Choir
Grades K-1	Animals
Grades 2	Angels, Kings' Attendants
Grades 3-4	Angels, Shepherds
Grades 5-8	Angels, Kings, Shepherds, Mary, Joseph & Gabriel
Grade 9-12	Assistant Directors

Pageant Rehearsal Date Schedule:

Please note all rehearsals are on Sundays

<u>Dec. 1</u>	Introduction to pageant during church school. Children will pick their parts. K-1 fitted for costumes.
<u>Dec. 8</u>	9 a.m. rehearsal in the Hall 8-2 nd grade fitted for costumes
<u>Dec. 15</u>	9a.m. dress rehearsal in sanctuary
<u>Dec.22</u>	8:30 a.m. rehearsal in Sanctuary Followed by 10:30 a.m.

Please note, children who choose to be in the choir and children who choose to be angels will have additional rehearsals.

Angels – will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12 & 15.

Jr. Choir will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 1.

Santa Lucia dancers will have an extra rehearsal after church on Dec. 8.

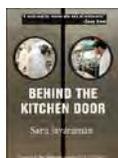
Young people (except Mary and Joseph) may sing with the Junior Choir and be in the Pageant if they can make rehearsal schedules.

Dec. 8, 2013 - Mitten Tree Reminder : During Family Sunday on **Sun., Dec. 8**, we will be sharing in our annual Mitten Tree. Each of us is invited to bring in a pair of new or nearly new mittens, gloves, etc. to hang on our tree. Our gifts of warmth will be donated to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless. Remember - homeless people come in all sizes. Mitten Tree will be the **second** Sunday in December.



Ringling Out Justice!

News of social justice activities at First Parish Church



Behind the Kitchen Door

The follow up discussion for the book **Behind the Kitchen Door** will take place as a one session discussion on **Wednesday November 20** from 7 – 9 at church. We will have time to discuss the pertinent aspects of the book as well as to explore what next steps we might like to take. If you are unable to attend but want to discuss the book, please let Cindy Ladd Fiorini know and perhaps we can arrange a second session. If you still want to read the book and join us, it is not too late. Stop by the table at coffee hour and find out more about it.



Guest at Your Table

This year First Parish will be participating in the Guest at Your Table (GAYT) program from Nov. 3rd to Nov. 24th (3 weeks). GAYT is an annual fundraiser for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). In a nutshell, the UUSC is currently working to strengthen workers' rights; protect the right to safe, affordable water; defend civil liberties and democratic processes; and preserve the rights of people overlooked in times of disaster and armed conflict. The UUSC receives no financial support from the UUA or the federal government.

This year, the UUSC is not using boxes to symbolize the “guest” sitting at your dining table with whom we are asked to share our bounty. Instead, on Nov. 3rd, envelopes were given out with worship programs, which can be returned any time between then and Nov. 24th. A large box will be available in the sanctuary on Sundays. Eligibility levels for membership in the UUSC are: \$40 -- individual; \$75 -- couple; \$20 -- senior; and \$10 -- youth/student. If you give \$100 or more, it will be matched.

On Nov. 3rd during worship, the children were given paper bags and cut-outs of their “guest”, which they can decorate, and name and place on their family’s dining table to remind members to “feed” the guest with coins and dollars. These “guests” will be returned to the front of the church during worship on Nov. 24th.

More information about the UUSC can be found at uus.org, where donations to GAYT can also be made online.



Clothes Needed for Box Project

If you have children's clothes in good condition in sized 2T to 12, please contact Cindy Ladd-Fiorini or Carrie Meier. We sort and deliver clothes to children in families who have a child in Head Start and who have been chosen by the Family Service Coordinators as ones who will most benefit from this support.

Clothing is essential for warmth and health. Some would not have enough clothes to go outside and play without getting cold or to be warm enough to play and sleep comfortably.

By Nov. 10 we especially need clothes for girls in sizes 4/5 and 5, especially sweatpants, pants and/or jeans and tops. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have clothes in these sizes.

We also need some adult clothes. They are woman size 12p jeans and size large long sleeve tops and men's 38/40 jeans and xxl long sleeve shirts and 11 wide boots.

Thank you for helping these families who are facing severe crises.
Carrie Meier and Social Justice Committee

Special Opportunity to Help "The Table" at Father Bill's Main Spring



"The Table" at Father Bills Main Spring in Brockton is a volunteer-led program that serves 50,000 meals a year to people who are out of work, down on their luck and need a community to share everyday life issues. For years, volunteers from our church have staffed **The Table** on the 4th Saturday of each month, driving from Duxbury to Brockton to serve meals prepared by our church community and to learn about the daily happenings of the guests. But there are some needs at The Table that only money can solve. They currently need to address a leaky plumbing system in the kitchen. We can help with that! On November 17th we will have the opportunity to support this great cause with a special collection. What a great cause to support!

I Hoped to Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

For 6 years I have volunteered at the Plymouth Head Start program one morning a week. I began because I wanted to make some small contribution to the lives of a few children. I continue because the kids are wonderful, the work is so much fun, and it all feels very worthwhile. Head Start programs in Kingston, Marshfield and Plymouth are looking for others interested in working with preschool children. Volunteers are needed to assist teachers with classroom duties, share a special interest or talent, read and play games with children, and engage them in conversation.

Thank You for Our Head Start Special Collection

Thank you all so very much for your generous donation to South Shore Head Start. We will be using your contribution for field trips and for talented people to come to our classroom to teach or perform. How can we begin to thank you for your kindness in giving us a donation through your Special Collection? How can we express how much this is appreciated by the Head Start staff, the families of our pre-school children, and the children themselves? How can we express what a difference this will make in their lives? Perhaps the way is to tell you how these funds may change a life and change our future.

We will be using these funds for field trips and for talented people to come to our classroom to teach and perform. Though our program encourages teachers to take children on fieldtrips and to have enrichment activities, the current budget has eliminated all funding for this. Your Special Collection has opened a window of opportunity for children.

Young children can learn so much on topics that interest them. A music teacher can introduce the joys of singing and playing an instrument and a child might want to become a musician. An artist can instill a desire to create through the delight of playing with paint or clay. After going to a zoo or a farm, a child might be thrilled by seeing a pig with piglets or a cow being milked. She may become fascinated by animals and in time become a veterinarian. After going to a museum, for example Plimouth Plantation, a child may be eager to learn more about our past. For the first time, he or she might see people living and looking different than she does. Teachers can develop many activities from such a field trip for role playing, arts and crafts, cooking, reading, and exploring. How many questions and how many searches for answers can come from one field trip or one talented artist? The world is opened and broadened far beyond the daily life of a pre-school child. When a community offers such a wonderful and meaningful gift, the possibilities can be limitless. You have provided our children and families with life enhancing experiences and memories. Thank you for all that you do to benefit the families and children of South Shore Head Start.

Debbie Sullivan, Family Advocate
South Shore Early Education, Head Start

Carrie Meier
Social Justice Committee

WEDNESDAY NOV. 20

Behind the Kitchen Door 7:00-9:00p.m.

THURSDAY NOV. 21

Book Club 9:00a.m.

Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.

Govern. Board Meeting 7:00-9:00p.m.

FRIDAY NOV. 22

Labyrinth Workshop 7:00-9:00p.m.

SATURDAY NOV. 23

Soup Kitchen 9:00-1:00p.m. (offsite)

SUNDAY NOV. 24

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.

Unit 1 Leaders Meeting 9:30a.m.

Worship 10:30a.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL FEAST

HIP 6:00-7:30p.m.

Buddist Group 6:00-7:30p.m.

MONDAY NOV. 25

Building Use Meeting 11:00a.m.

Bible Group 7:00-8:30p.m.

TUESDAY NOV. 26

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY NOV. 27

OFFICE CLOSING AT 12:00p.m.

THURSDAY NOV. 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING –

OFFICE CLOSED

DIC Thanksgiving Service 7:30a.m.

FRIDAY NOV. 29

OFFICE CLOSED

ON-GOING CHURCH MEETINGS**SUNDAYS** - Family/Child Sunday (1st

Sun. each month)

Joys & Concerns (2nd Sun. each month)Announcement Sunday (1st & 3rd Sun.

each month)

Silent Joys & Concerns (4th Sun. each

month)

Music Committee (1st Sun. each month)

12 p.m.

Social Justice 9 a.m. (2nd Sun. each

month)

Welcoming Congregation 9:30 a.m. (3rd

Sun. each month)

Denominational Affairs 12:00 (3rd Sun.)

Buddhist Meditation 6-7:30p.m.

MONDAYS - Build. Use 11 a.m. (4th

Mon. each month)

Finance Committee 7 p.m. (2nd Mon.

each month)

TUESDAYS - Hand Bells 7 p.m.Historical 7 p.m. (3rd Tue. each month)Memoirs 7:00p.m. (2nd Tues. each

month)

WEDNESDAYS – RE Committee 7 p.m.(1st Wed. of each month)

Staff meeting 1 p.m. (weekly)

Buildings & Grounds 9-11 a.m. (1st Wed.

each month)

"Kindred Spirits" 10-11:30 p.m. (2nd

Wed. each month)

Memb. 7:30 p.m. (3rd Wed. each month)**THURSDAYS** - Book Group 9 a.m.

Sewing Group 10 a.m.

Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. (1st Thurs.

each month)

Agenda Setting 7-8 p.m. (2nd Thurs. each

month)

Governing Board 7 p.m. (3rd Thurs. each***CARING CONNECTION:***

There are many caring members of our church community who are willing to lend a hand to those having a difficult time! The Caring Connection can coordinate meals, transportation, babysitting or visits to shut-ins. For the month of **NOV.**, please contact **CALEEN ALEXANDERSON** and **DEC.**, please contact **KATHY BRAY**.



Minister's Office Hours: Catherine's office hours are **Mon., Wed., and Thur. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Tuesdays are her days off and Friday's are her sermon writing days. She may be contacted by cell at (781) 635-5906. If you need to schedule an appointment during office hours or any time after office hours, please feel free to contact Catherine at TheRevCatherine@aol.com, at her cell number, or by leaving a message at the church.

Spiritual Direction Opportunities at First

Parish Church: The still, small voice is with you whether you are racing through your busy days or sitting in meditative silence or contemplative prayer. Spiritual direction is for anyone who is searching for deeper spiritual insights and for spiritual growth in the events of our hectic daily lives. You can use your time in spiritual direction to slow down, to learn how to listen, to explore life's deeper issues and to make progress toward achieving greater consistency between your deeply held values and your actions. This fall Catherine is offering Individual Spiritual Direction (participants meet with Catherine once a month for an hour or so). Contact Catherine via email at TheRevCatherine@aol.com or call her here at the church (781)934-6532 ext 3, to learn more about this unique ancient spiritual practice. May this be the year you explore more deeply the spiritual meaning of your life!

Office Hours

The FPC church office is open **Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Our email address is uuduxbury@verizon.net. If you

need anything, please call Lenore and I will be happy to help you.

Next Bell-Ringer Deadline:
Tuesday, Dec .3, 2013 9:00 a.m.
Interning Grace, "Bringing Into Play With Each Other"
by Tom Bozeman

Over the past couple of months, from two to nine people have gathered in the parlor each week to discuss a passage from the Bible. We've talked a bit about the structure of the Bible and the historical context in which it was written. We've explored different ways of reading it and how those ways impact the meaning one takes from it. But, most importantly, we've felt its impact on our understandings of our lives. Because any faithful reading of sacred text involves our bringing our own selves and the power of the text into play with each other in such a way that they rub and push and pull and thereby expose what we may not have previously sensed.

Such a "bringing into play with each other" is also part of the intention behind the gathering of folks for a men's group. Gathering together as men, we can both challenge and support one another to live our lives in greater integrity with our commitments and our own deeply-held values. We can gain more insight into how we can bring ever-greater vitality to ourselves and those with whom we share our lives. I look forward to gathering many of you in doing so.



Ed Swanborn in Concert at Jordan Hall, Boston

Our organist, **Ed Swanborn** will be the featured piano soloist in Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy" with chorus and orchestra on **Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 pm** at the New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall located at the corner of Gainsborough Street and Huntington Avenue in Boston.

The concert which celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Northeastern University choral program under conductor Josh Jacobson will also include works by Dan Pinkham, Norman Dello Joio and Eric Whitacre.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$20.00. Convenient parking is available behind the Conservatory at the Gainsborough Garage. **Carpooling** from the church is possible. If you need or can provide a ride, call Susan Taylor.

Additional trivia at <http://www.music.neu.edu/nucs/>



Thursday Distributions – Weekly NUUws

If you have not been receiving the **Thursday NUUws Distributions**, please let Lenore know in the office. We are in the process of trying to find out why some members are having difficulty. Thank you.



***FIRST PARISH CHURCH
'DECEMBERFEST' IS SAT. DEC. 7
FROM 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.***

**Sign up for this fun and important fundraiser for our Church today!
Here is how you can help;**

Silent Auction Chair: Mary Flanagan, Needs quality items such as gifts you have received but not used, theme baskets (ask for suggestions), art work, antiques, catered meals, event tickets, just to give a few ideas

Mrs. Kringle's Chair: Pat Slechta, Donate/sell NEW holiday crafts & ornaments, NEW books, CD's other NEW "giftables" or holiday items.

Holiday Greens Chair: Sharon Nabreski, Donate fresh greens; help to assemble baskets and/or decorate wreaths.

Gourmet Gifts Chair: Tracy Wagner, Donate/sell baked goods, jams, chutneys, other favorite holiday recipes and treats.

Ruby's Café Chair: Marilyn Christmann, Serving snacks & lunch in the parlor. Need kitchen help & wait-staff.

PARTICIPATE IN THE FAIR AND CONTRIBUTE TO A FINE CAUSE. EASY FORMAT.

CLEAN-UP CREW NEEDED

Call Nancy Landgren for further details about the fair!

Come shop and have some lunch in the Café. It's a great opportunity to find unique, affordable gifts, have delicious bite to eat, all in a convenient, festive atmosphere. Plus, you support the church at the same time!



SAVE THE DATE!! All are Welcome!



Alliance Pot Luck Dinner - Wednesday, November 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Deputy Liisa Budge-Johnson

Program Service Outreach Coordinator

"Charitable Giving: How to be an Informed Donor"



OUR SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU THIS FALL!

Beginners, experienced knitters of all ages are welcome to join us in creating shawls. Our Shawl Ministry still has a need for your knitted gifts of love and concern. We will once again bless our shawls on Mitten Tree Sunday on **Dec. 8, 2013**.



Tax Workshop for Same-Sex Couples ?

All of the recent developments around the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and same-sex marriage mean that the upcoming tax season may have some new and interesting implications. The Welcoming Congregation committee is exploring whether there is any interest in organizing a tax workshop for same-sex couples. Would it make sense to bring in a tax specialist who is fluent in the new complexities? If you are interested or would like to discuss, please contact Jim Hamilton, the chair of the Welcoming Congregation committee.



SAVE THE DATE!! FEBRUARY 1, 2014

That's the date of the **Bi-Annual Dinner and Service Auction**, one of the most delicious and fun nights you'll ever have at First Parish Church or anywhere. More news coming soon, but for now, **SAVE** the date! Feb. 1, 2013.



Holiday Open House Party

It will be at Rejeana Parker's house, **Thursday, November 14th** beginning at **7:00 pm**. There will be refreshments, surprises and a presentation by Paula Keif, creator of Green Koala, eco-friendly products; soy candles and natural skin care for women and men which are made fresh here locally in Marshfield. It is in a manner that does not harm the environment, our families or our pets. Everyone who comes

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can view Rejeana's ceramic studio and also have the opportunity to sign up for ceramic art workshops. There's still time for you to make your own ceramic art gift(s) for Christmas!!

Feel free to wander through Rejeana's art house to enjoy seeing many of her sister, Kathena's paintings. RSVP by Tuesday, November 12th to reserve a place to come for all the festivities and fun! Any questions, please call Rejeana.

