



The Bell-Ringer

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

DECEMBER 2013

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 8: "The Story of the Dead Sea Scrolls" – As our Monday evening Bible study group continues, let's consider what some of the "books" that did *not* make it into the official canon can tell us about early Christianity. **(FAMILY SUNDAY & MITTEN TREE SUNDAY)**

December 15: "Who Do We Say You Are: What Jesus Means To Me?" As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, both Catherine and our student minister Tom Bozeman will share their thoughts about this age-old question! **HOLIDAY WORKSHOP** after the service (see RE page 2)

Dec. 22: "The Holiday Pageant" - 10:30 a.m. Our Morning Worship: The children of the Church School will present the story of the birth of Jesus. There will also be songs of Hanukkah, a celebration of Santa Lucia, music by the Bell Choir and the Junior Choir, and carols for all to sing.

Dec. 24: "Our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service" 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Always one of the best services of the year! Traditional service of lessons and carols. Our musical prelude will begin at **5 p.m.** Bring your children, neighbors, out-of-town guests, and let's all share the joy of the holiday season!

Dec. 30: "Sharing Service" - In the Parlor with Worship Leader, Michael Gardner. Bring a song, a story, a poem, an idea, or an emotion. Childcare available.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY DEC. 5

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

FRIDAY DEC. 6

DECEMBERFEST Set-up All Day
Committee on Ministry 5:00p.m.

SATURDAY DEC. 7

DECEMBERFEST 9:00-2:00p.m.
DIC St. Paul's 9:00a.m.
Mitten Tree Up

SUNDAY DEC 8

MITTEN TREE SUNDAY

Angel Rehearsal, 8:30a.m.
Pageant Rehearsal, 9:00a.m.
Social Justice 9:00 a.m.
Senior Choir, 9:30a.m.
Worship/Church School 10:30a.m.
12:00 New to UU
6:00-7:30p.m. Buddhist Group
HIP 6-7:30p.m.

MONDAY DEC. 9

Finance Meeting, 7:00p.m.
Bible Group 7:00-8:30p.m.

TUESDAY DEC. 10

Memoirs 7:15 p.m.
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 11

UUMA Cluster 9:00-12:00p.m.

THURSDAY DEC. 12

Book Club 9:00a.m.
Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.
BCD DRE Mtg. 9:30-1:00p.m.
Governing Board Agenda 7:00-8:00p.m.

FRIDAY DEC. 13

Alliance Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY DEC. 14

Holiday Workshop Set-up

*Warmest Holiday Greetings to All from the Staff at
First Parish Church!*



Tom Bozeman

Elaine Bryant

Rev. Catherine Cullen

Sunsue Fleming

Lenore O'Malley

Alex Pezner

John Russo

Edwin Swanborn

*May we all take the time this holiday season to remember the gifts
we receive from each other. Best wishes for a peaceful holiday and
a blessed New Year!*

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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 Stephansky, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Sun., Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Religious Education Committee Invites Everyone to Our Annual All-Church Winter Holiday Workshop

This special **ALL-CHURCH CELEBRATION** begins at **11:30 a.m.** (after church school) in the Harvey Assembly Hall. Everyone is invited to join in the fun of Holiday crafts and activities from **11:30 to 1 p.m.** Delicious soup will be served for lunch. **DESSERT IS UP TO YOU!** Please bring a plate of cookies to share. Join in the joy of celebrating as a church family. Please bring an unbreakable ornament for our Church Family Christmas Tree (write your name and 2013 on the ornament) and your wonderful Holiday Spirit!

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.

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.

Pageant Rehearsal Date Schedule:

Please note all rehearsals are on Sundays

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| <u>Dec. 8</u> | 9 a.m. rehearsal in the Hall
8-2nd 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 met 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.

Friday, Dec. 20th, 7:30 – 9 p.m. Winter Solstice Ritual for Women

Please join us in the Parlor. All women are welcome and please bring along some Goddess food to share after the ritual.

Adult Religious Education

If you have any questions, please call Sunsue Fleming (781) 934-6532, ext 4. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the church office.

MEMOIRS – Our next meeting will be **Tue., December 10th, 2013** –Topic will be a **Holiday** (any holiday) **Mishap!** Hope you can join us!

UU CAMPS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS - Within a few hours of First Parish there are several wonderful UU Camps and Conference Centers. Come learn about Star Island, Ferry Beach, Rowe Conference Center, and Cedar Hill. **Leader: Sunsue Fleming, Mon., Jan. 27, 7 p.m.**

Soul Collage

Mix Imagination and intuition with a group of powerful, “cut-out” Images and you can make a Soul Collage 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. Friday, January 31st

Meetings at the Moon:

Meetings at the Moon is a six-session spiritual journey for pre-teen girls and their mothers.

Meetings at the Moon provides an opportunity for mothers and daughters to hear and tell sacred stories, create sacred artifacts, sing and dance together and to share a new relatedness based on our developing physical, mental, emotional and spiritual selves.

Monday evenings in January and February 6:30-8 p.m. (1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, and 2/10)

Leaders: Liz Connors and Colleen Anderson

SAVE THE DATES:

Ancestor Lunch

Sunday, January 12, 2013 12:00noon – 1:00 p.m.

Our Play unit this year is centered on Families. Everyone in the church is invited to an ancestor lunch. Bring a dish to share for our potluck ancestor lunch. It is a time to remember and celebrate those who came before. Bring a dish that represents either your ancestral heritage or a relative who has passed and a short story or explanation to share. This is both a fun and meaningful event, giving us the space to remember our loved ones in community and in celebration.

Intergenerational Service

Sunday January 12th

Story teller Cindy Rivka Marshall will be joining us with stories for all ages. She has performed and presented workshops since 1989 throughout New England, nationally and in England. This should be a wonderful service with stories about families.

BINGO NIGHT

Sunday – January 26th, 2013, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

COME ONE! COME ALL!



On Sun., Jan. 26, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., your favorite youth group, H.I.P., will be sponsoring a fun-filled and spectacular night of Bingo and food! Enjoy a spaghetti dinner and some top-rate **BINGO** action while supporting the H.I.P. Youth Group! The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. (Family max. = \$25). Be advised that prizes will not be cash. Bring the family and be prepared for an evening of food, **BINGO** and entertainment! Tickets will be on sale during Coffee Hour in January.

H.I.P. Youth Group

Bingo Prizes Needed

Bingo prizes are needed. **NEW** or **NEARLY NEW** items, appropriate for all ages, are needed for this popular event. Questions, please call Sunsue.



Ringing Out Justice!

News of social justice activities at First Parish Church



Bring Christmas Joy for Girls and Boys

First Parish Church, through the Box Project, helps the ten neediest families served by South Shore Head Start. You can help these families by choosing a 'Christmas wish' from the tags on the main Bulletin Board Saturday, Dec. 7th at the Christmas Fair or Sunday Dec. 8th before or after church. All presents should be brought to the church on or by Dec. 15th wrapped and with the tag on it. You can bring smiles to a boy or girl and make the holidays happy for all.

Directions for Christmas Wishes

1. Buy the present.
2. Wrap the present.
3. Securely attach the tag to the present (tape along one side would be fine.)
4. **Bring the present to the church on or before Sunday, Dec. 15th.**

Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Box Project Volunteers and The Social Justice Committee

NEWS ABOUT FATHER BILL'S/MAINSRING COMMUNITY TABLE

We had an abundance of casseroles, salads, desserts and servers at the Community Table on November 23rd! Thank you so very much for all who contributed and served - it was awesome! The guests were so grateful.

We are happy to report that we have two families serving in December and our FPC HIP Group will be serving in January. No additional servers are needed for December and January. We are in need of casseroles, desserts and salads for December and January. Please come by at coffee hour, email or Facebook a message to us to sign up for casseroles, desserts and salads.

February, March, April and May are great months for Small Group Ministry to sign up to serve together and to provide the food for the guests at the Community Table.

If your small group is interested in signing up for a Saturday, please email Andrea Brandeis.

Thank you!

Sam Brandeis, Senior

Andrea Brandeis

Calendar

Dec 4 FPC Overnights of Hospitality

Dec 14 "Boston Remembers Newtown--a commemorative gathering"; Boston Common (Parkman Bandstand) 1:30-3:30

Candlelight vigil and service at First Church Boston 4:30.

Dec 15 Candlelight Vigil for Immigration Reform, Plymouth County Correctional Facility, 4:30

Dec 15 UU Urban Ministry Renewal House Christmas Party, UUUM, Roxbury, First Parish Church, 1:30--3:30

Dec 28 FPC serving at The Table, Father Bill's Main Spring, Brockton

**UUUA/UUSC tackles Typhoon Haiyan full force with Filipino Partners
and UU funds**

Thanks to the generous outpouring of support, the UUSC-UUA Joint Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund has already raised more than \$400,000. These funds are already being translated into real on-the-ground relief for survivors of the devastating storm. Staff are in the region now developing effective relief strategies for the most severely affected areas. They are gathering firsthand information on what needs are most pressing, who is being left out of relief efforts, and how UUSC can put the relief funds to most effective use. UU Churches and other local partners are being identified. As in previous natural disasters, existing inequalities are only deepened in the wake of such crises.

The region that was hardest hit by the typhoon already had 40 percent of its population living below the poverty line before the storm. In addition to loss of life, Filipinos experienced massive loss of crops and livelihoods, which will likely take years to recuperate. UUSC realizes that the impact of these losses will be exacerbated for survivors who are marginalized by factors such as gender, race, class, or religion.

Please consider donating to this UUA/UUSC (designated) fund by visiting uusc.org/philippines.

Read more about UUA/UUSC's support within the Philippines at uusc.org/article/2013/reaching_out_to_survivors_in_the_philippines; and uusc.org/blog/entry/3417/uusc_on_the_ground_in_the_philippines.

**Cape Cod and South Shore UUs to hold a Candlelight Vigil Dec 15 for
Immigrants detained in Plymouth**

UUs and other citizens will gather at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility on Dec 15 at 4:30 (at exit 5, west, left into "Shops at 5" to Joanne's Fabrics). We will show our solidarity with the detainees and expose their reality to the public and the press so that current immigration policy may be rapidly changed. Coordinating the vigil is First Parish Brewster (Alliance for Immigration Justice); supporting organizations are UUMass Action; Catholic Social Services; Fellowship of Reconciliation, Cape Cod; Boston New Sanctuary Movement; Cape Cod Council of Churches; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Cape Cod; Cape Codders for Peace and Justice. Come to the vigil. Bring a friend! 100 candles and 200 AA batteries will be provided. <http://www.uumassaction.org/uuma/candlelight-vigil-for-immigration-rights-dec-15/>

UU MASS ACTION Promotes the Prevention of Gun Violence at Dec 14 Commemorative Gathering - Saturday December 14, 2013 is the first anniversary of the tragedy in Sandy Hook

To mark the day, UU MASS ACTION joins Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence in sponsoring a commemorative gathering entitled "Boston Remembers Newtown." Speakers currently scheduled for this event include Mayor Thomas Menino, Rep. David Linsky, Rep. Tom Conroy, Tina Chery, Kim Odom, Cindy Diggs, John Rosenthal and Sheriff Peter Koutoujian. 1.30 – 3.30 at Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common. Candlelight vigil and service 4:30 at First Church Boston. Lift your voice to prevent gun violence! Link: uumassaction.org/uuma/boston-remembers-newtown-dec-14

Kingston UU requests our help with UUUM Renewal House Holiday Party, December 15

Kingston UU Social Justice leaders request help from FPC Duxbury UUs for their annual Christmas Party for UU Urban Ministry Renewal House families (~120 people) to be held at First Parish in Roxbury on Sunday, Dec 15 from 1:30-3:30. Donations of salads and side dishes (to serve 10-12) and finger sandwiches and desserts (to serve 3-4 dz) or financial contributions for food would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the bulletin board this Sunday or contact Nancy.

UU MASS ACTION'S Spiritual Activist Leadership Training (SALT) Program Coordinator Requests Our Help

Tom Bozeman, our student minister and SALT Program Coordinator asks: **Do you know a young adult who has a strong interest in cultivating a life of faith, such that they can make a positive impact on the world around them?**

Tom challenges us with these thoughts: The future's coming fast. Who will the leaders of tomorrow be? What can we do to help them in their journey?

Contact Tom.

Report on Discussion to the Common Read "Beyond the Kitchen Door"

Nine or so congregants got together for a lively discussion on November 21 to discuss the book Beyond the Kitchen Door, by Saru Jayaraman. It had been designated as our "summer reading" and was unanimously found to be a really good read - extremely well written and informative. The author was able to bring to light many serious issues in the restaurant industry – gender bias, racial discrimination, low wages, no paid sick leave, poor working conditions, to name a few - while not being overwhelming and while leaving the reader hopeful for change and not in the least guilty about eating out. (The last was an especially good thing for me!)

The group felt that one of the issues we might be able to engage in is the fight for raising the minimum wage and providing paid sick time. The minimum wage bill has already passed the Massachusetts Senate. We will be contacting our local representatives to see how they stand on the issue and to encourage them to fight for this. Among the group present, we are represented by Josh Cutler, Jim Cantwell, Tom Colter and Vinnie DeMacedo. If anyone out there has a different representative and would like to contact him or her on this issue, we would love the input. Additionally we will have copies of the book at the Social Justice table during coffee hour for loan, so come by to pick it up to read, or get your name on the list.

SUNDAY DEC. 15

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
BOX PROJECT & CHRISTMAS
GIFT TAGS

Pageant Rehearsal 9:00a.m.
Welcoming Congregation 9:30a.m.
Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.
Worship 10:30a.m.

Denominational Affairs 12:00p.m.
Buddhist Group 6:00-7:30p.m.

MONDAY DEC. 16

Building Use Mtg. 11:00a.m.
Bible Group 7:00-8:30p.m.

TUESDAY DEC. 17

Bell Choir 7-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 18

Membership Comm. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY DEC. 19

Book Club 9:00 a.m.
Senior Men's Gathering 11-12:30
p.m.

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

FRIDAY DEC. 20

Women's Ritual 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY DEC. 22

Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.

PAGEANT 10:30 a.m.

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

MONDAY DEC. 23

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

TUESDAY DEC. 24**CHRISTMAS EVE**

OFFICE CLOSING AT 12:00 NOON

Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 25**CHRISTMAS DAY**

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY DEC. 26

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY DEC. 27

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY DEC. 28

Soup Kitchen 9-1:00 p.m.

Community Table

SUNDAY DEC. 29

Sharing Service 10:30 a.m.

Buddhist Group 6-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY DEC. 31**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

OFFICE CLOSING AT 12:00 NOON

Bell-Ringing-New Year

WEDNESDAY JAN. 1**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY JAN. 2

Book Club 9:00 a.m.

Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.

Worship 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY JAN. 3

Committee on Ministry 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY JAN. 4

DIC Holy Family 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY JAN. 5

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

HIP 6-7:30 p.m.

Buddhist Group 6-7:30 p.m.

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 **JAN.**, 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 her cell phone. 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.

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.

Note: If anyone would like to answer the phones on **Thursday, January 16th**, from approx. 9:00-12:00p.m., please let Lenore know. Thank you.

People News

Get well wishes go out to FPC member, **JOHN NASH** as he recovers at home from Bay Path Rehabilitation.

Congratulations to **PATRICIA LORENTE** who signed the Membership Book on **November 6, 2013**. Welcome to FPC, Patricia!

Long-time FPC member **MICHAEL CATO**, is turning 80 years old on **December 13th**. His family is all joining him for a big celebration but it would be really lovely to shower him with cards and well wishes from "across the pond".



Next Bell-Ringer Deadline:
Monday, Jan. 6th, 2013 9:00 a.m.

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)
 Membership 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 month)

FRIDAYS - Committee On Ministry 5 p.m. (1st Fri. each month)

SATURDAYS - Brockton Soup Kitchen 9:15 a.m. (4th Sat. each month)

Holiday Fair

December 7th 9 am-2 pm



Holiday Greens

Vintage Finds

Gourmet Gifts

Silent Auction

Handcrafted Items

Luncheon at Ruby's Cafe

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The Holiday Fair is This Saturday!!

We are looking for donations to the silent auction, Mrs. Kringle's and the Bake Table. Also we can use cut greens to be turned into the wonderful arrangements we will be selling.

If anyone has big lawn ornaments that could be lent for the Holiday Fair, please let me know. We are planning an outdoor part of the Fair this year.

Thanks, Nancy Landgren

Interning Grace
“A Buddhist Advent”
by Tom Bozeman

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, many people are putting up their Christmas trees and otherwise preparing for the holiday. But it is worth remembering the lessons of the Christian season of Advent, which precedes Christmas.

Advent overlays the story of the anticipated Second Coming of Jesus Christ onto the story of the First Coming. In one sense, then, Advent is a forward-looking time. But preparation for the future necessarily entails questions of what one does in the present: how can I best use the time available in advance? And, further, in the gospel of Mark (13:32-37), Jesus is depicted as arguing against consideration of the timing of his second coming.

Advent, you see, is not about instrumentally preparing for Christmas. Rather, it is about practicing being in a space of readiness. While Advent promises the coming of Jesus, it also implicitly declares, “but not yet!” and, so, calls us to grapple with our current circumstances. In a way, it could be regarded as the most Buddhist time in the Christian liturgical year – a time when we are called to be with what is.

How can you use this Advent season to remind yourself to be present in this time of busyness?

Also, from Tom:

There will be not be Bible Study on December 30th!



Fri., Dec. 13, 7 p.m. - Alliance Christmas Party

Come one – come all! Come to the home of Polly Lanman for our Annual Alliance Christmas Party complete with good food, joyous carol singing and a Yankee Swap. Bring a “funny” gift for the Yankee Swap (no need to spend a lot of money, \$5 max.). Join us for an evening of warm folks, singing Christmas Carols and lots of laughs. Please call Jackie Smith-Miller if you need a ride. Hope to see you there!

What are you doing Christmas Eve? How About Singing with the Choir?



The choir is always looking for new members (high school age and up) to join us on Sundays, and for our beautiful Christmas Eve service. There is no need to try out, ability to read music is helpful but not required, and we would love to have you join us! Rehearsals for Christmas Eve start on Sunday December 8th at 9:00am. Rehearsals will be every Sunday leading up to Christmas Eve with two additional weekday evening practices on dates to be determined. If you are interested please come to rehearsal on the 8th and if you have questions please contact Ed Swanborn.



Pretty Poinsettias to Purchase



Red and white poinsettias will be for sale at a cost of \$7.25. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office. These plants will help decorate our lovely sanctuary during this holiday season. After the Christmas Eve service, members who purchased a plant may take it with them home if they choose. The deadline for ordering flowers will be this Sunday, December 8th. Please contact Sheri Wyman, if you have any questions. Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Flower Committee!



SAVE THE DATE: Service Auction, February 1, 2014

This coming Sunday, December 8 we will start distributing service auction donations forms. Fill out the form after church on Sunday or pick one up during the week in the church office. Tickets will go on sale of the dinner Sunday, January 5th.

Be creative, some possible services to donate:
Yard work

A walk thru time with a Duxbury Geologist

Rides to and from the Airport

A Day of Driving someone anywhere they please

Gardening consulting from an expert

A dinner party for eight

A month of music lessons

A fishing adventure, with or without instruction

Handicraft instruction (knitting, crochet, needlepoint, loom work, etc.)

Loan of a vacation home, etc, etc, etc.

Service Auction Committee:

Sharon Nabreski, Peter Nappellio, Nancy Landgren, Michael Gardner, Terry Condon and Marjorie Hanlon