

The Bell-Ringer

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



SEPTEMBER 2014



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 7th -- Our Annual Intergenerational Ingathering Service: Remember to bring a small vial of water from some place special to you. Children will remain for the entire service. Child care for toddlers. **INGATHERING BREAKFAST at 9 a.m.** – Come join us! (See page 13)

September 14th -- "A Religion of One's Own": As we are preparing to host internationally acclaimed spiritual writer Thomas Moore, we will preview the teachings in his latest book (and one of you will go home with a free copy!) (See page 3)

September 21st ---"Gifts of the Jewish Faith": One of our sources are teachings from the Jewish faith. Special Guest, Harry Katz from Temple Shirat Hayam will help us explore how we can draw inspiration from Jewish theological perspectives. (**After-church budget discussion begins at noon**).

September 28th--"To Bring The Good Tidings", It's a spiritual skill to be able to see not just what IS but also what CAN BE. Join us in exploring the freeing power of vision, (**Annual Parish Finance Meeting at noon**).

October 5th-- FOURTH ANNUAL UNION SERVICE: (Please Note, **Service begins at 10:00am**) This year's joint Sunday morning Worship service with our Plymouth and Kingston UU churches will be held at PLYMOUTH UU, 4 Town Square, Plymouth. The service is Intergenerational (all ages) and will include music from all three church choirs and words by all three Ministers. Come join us for this exciting worship service, one of the best of the church year events. *If you need transportation to Plymouth, let Catherine know.*

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Worship 7:00p.m.

RE Leader's Training 7:00pm

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Committee on Ministry 5:00pm

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

DIC-First Church of Christ Scientist

9:00 am

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Breakfast 9:00am

INGATHERING 10:30am

Sr. Choir 9:30am

HIP Grades 10-12 6:00-7:30pm

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Welcome Congregation 7:00pm

Bible Group 7:00pm

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Yoga 8:30am

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Kindred Spirits 10:00-11:30am

Agenda Meeting 7:00pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Book Club 9:00am

Worship Committee 7:00pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Worship 10:30am

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Above the mountains the geese turn into the light again
Painting their black silhouettes on an open sky.

Sometimes everything has to be inscribed across the heavens
so you can find the one line already written inside you.

Sometimes it takes a great sky to find that small, bright
and indescribable wedge of freedom in your own heart.

Sometimes with the bones of the black sticks left when the
fire has gone out someone has written something new in the
ashes of your life.

*You are not leaving
you are arriving.*

~ "The Journey" by David Whyte ~

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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

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My dear friend,

Here we are—beginning another church year together!

At First Parish Church, our beloved church home, we all share our individual *spiritual* journeys. My favorite definition of the spiritual life is: “*growing a soul and helping to repair the world.*” I hope that you will do a whole lot of both this church year.

Last year our monthly sermon series focused on the seven *principles* of our Unitarian Universalist tradition. This year we will explore our *sources* (*printed below*).

On October 1st, our church will host a special public talk by the internationally acclaimed spiritual author, Thomas Moore. Thomas will be speaking about his new book, “**A Religion of One's Own: A Guide to Creating a Personal Spirituality in a Secular World.**” **Put this special event on your calendar---a great way to begin this year of spiritual exploration (and bring a friend for free!!).** And take advantage of our small group ministry program, our life-long learning adventures and Sunday morning worship---all designed to enhance your free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

The mission statement of FPC reminds us all that we are here to learn, grow and serve the world---so *let's be about the business of doing just that, -----and let's have lots of fun along the way!!*

What a joy to be together again---welcome back, welcome home!!

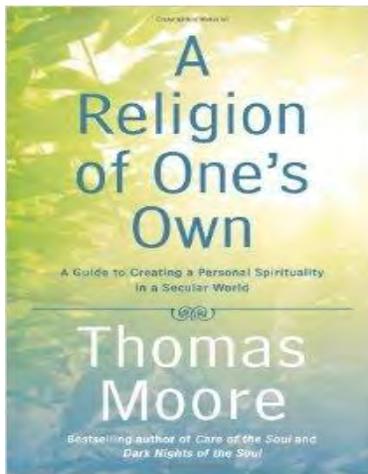
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OUR UU SOURCES:
The living tradition we share draws from many Sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

HEAR INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SPIRITUAL AUTHOR
THOMAS MOORE SPEAK ABOUT HIS LATEST BOOK!



WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 1, 2014 (7:30-9:00pm)
Book Signing Will Follow at First Parish Church Duxbury

Tickets \$15 in advance (contact church) \$20 at door

BRING ALONG A FRIEND FOR FREE!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



INGATHERING – SUN., SEPT. 7th, 2014

1. **Church Family Breakfast – Sun., Sept. 7th, 9 a.m.:** Thanks to the Hospitality/Fellowship Committee for organizing this special event.
2. **Church School Registration:** 11:30 - 12 p.m. (after church). Thanks to all of you who filled out a Registration Form last Spring. For those who have not yet done so, we will have a Registration table after church (11:30 a.m.)
3. **Family Worship:** (Childcare for toddlers to 3 yrs. - infants stay with their parents in church). Young people 3 yrs. & older will attend the **service** with their families. Children who leave the service are welcome downstairs in the classrooms, but must be with an adult at all times.
4. **Candle Collection:** ...Bring a Candle ... Bring a Candle ... Bring a Candle ... Everyone is invited to bring **one candle stub** for the creation of our 2014-2015 church candle. The large, colorful church candle we create will symbolize our large, colorful Church Family.
5. **Sharing Our Water Communion:** In our Ingathering, we will have a chance to share in our Water Communion. So bring a small amount of water your family has collected over the summer. There will be a symbolic pitcher of water to use for those who forget.
6. **Classrooms Will Be Set Up for Church School:** Parents are encouraged to bring your child down to find their classroom after church. This is a great opportunity to meet your teachers and see the curriculum.
7. **Unit 1 Classes Begin – Sun., Sept. 14, 2014**



Rocks Needed For Our Labyrinth **Bring a Rock to Ingathering!**

Our labyrinth is at the bottom of the hill behind the parking lot. We still need **rocks!** Please bring rocks from your yard or beach the size of a cabbage or bigger. Please place them on the line of the labyrinth which is down the path to the town forest at the back of the parking lot or at the top of the path.

Church School Leader Training: Thur., Sept. 4th, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4th, 7 p.m.

If you are planning to teach in the fall, plan to attend our Leader Training. Please call Sunsue if you will not be able to attend.

Notes About Our Church School Routines

1. Church School begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 11:50 a.m.
2. Toddlers (1-3 yrs) should be picked up at 11:30 a.m. in Rm. 4. Children (3 yrs to Gr. 1) should be picked up **promptly at 11:50 a.m.** in their classrooms. Older children will be dismissed on their own at 11:50 a.m.

3. The first Sunday of each month is Family Sunday. Young people (3 yrs. through Gr. 8) attend church with their families for the beginning of the service. They then leave for their regular church school classes.

4. Parents are urged to keep their infants with them in church or in the Parlor, which has a speaker system that allows you to hear the service.

Chapel Times:

Grades 2-6 have Chapel at 11:30a.m.

Three years through Grade 1 have Chapel at 10:35 a.m.

Parents are welcome at our Chapel Services at any time.

H.I.P. (High School Youth Group)

Sunday, Sept. 7th, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

An ingathering meeting for Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors. Elections will take place for this year's leaders, etc.

Sunday, Sept. 14th, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

All Freshmen are invited to join us for a Welcoming Party!

HIP Group Parents

There will be a meeting for parents **Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.** Come meet other parents of High School Youth, hear about plans for this year, find out how you can help, and answer any questions you may have. Please call Sunsue if you cannot make this meeting.

Monday, Sept. 15th, 7 - 9 p.m. - OWL Parent Meeting

David Murphy & Colleen Anderson, our OWL (Our Whole Lives) church school leaders. This year, will be holding a meeting for parents of young people currently enrolled in the church who are in entering **7th and 8th grade**. This is a mandatory meeting to inform parents of the content and expectations for our OWL program. We look forward to your input and most importantly your support for the positive growth experience your loved ones will be taking with us. Questions? Please call Sunsue Fleming, (781) 934-6532 ext. 4.

Message from the Junior Choir Director

Our Jr. Choir is starting up again along with the church school! Last year was great! As the director, I was honored to be showered with so many compliments. Our small group of singers worked really hard and got many chances to experience presenting a fun assortment of songs and arrangements to the congregation in addition to the classic pageant music. I hope and pray everyone from last year is planning to return AND that we are joined by more children with an interest in singing. Please consider giving your child the chance to be a star performer! It is definitely a fun and rewarding experience. We meet each Sunday at 9:30 (an hour before church, but, later than the school bus)! Thank You -- Alex Pevzner'

Church School Snacks Needed

Our church school is in need of snacks. If you have a young person registered in our church school we ask you bring snacks to share. They can be dropped off in the supply closet. Remember, no food with nuts.



DID YOU GET YOUR CHILDCARE COUPONS?

At FPC we care about young families and we want to do what we can to facilitate families' participation in the life of the church! ***So take advantage of reimbursement for childcare for church events!*** Simply fill out a "Childcare Coupon," put in Catherine's church mailbox and you will be reimbursed for childcare expenses you incurred for any church-related event. Coupons can be found on the RE Bulletin Board in the hall.



Adult Religious Education

We are excited to offer the following courses. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the church office. If you have any questions, please call Sunsue Fleming (781) 934-6532, ext 3. We hope to see you there!

MEMOIRS: WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

The Memoirs group will meet on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:15pm in the Marion Fletcher Room to share stories of our “Touches with the Famous”. Please note that this is **third** Tuesday of September. In the future, we will be meeting on the **second** Tuesday of each month. Everyone Welcome.
Leader: Jackie Smith-Miller.

CAKES FOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN VOLUME 2, ON THE THRESHOLD

A six-session religious education curriculum in feminist theology for adults. In Part 2 of *the Cakes of the Queen of Heaven* program, we will continue our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women to be found in ancient Judaism and in early Christianity. We will also look at the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. We will continue the complex process of telling a new story. Dates: (6 Friday nights) Sept. 26th, Oct. 3rd, 10th, 24th, Nov. 7th & 14th. *Leaders: Sunsue Fleming and Jackie Smith-Miller*

OWL FOR ADULTS

Using values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points, this program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages. Builds understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diversity and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives. **September 30th, October 14th, 28th, November 11th, 25th & December 9th, 7:00-9:00pm.**
Leaders: Steve Cunningham & Liz Christmann



CONSCIOUS AGING: AGE-ING TO SAGE-ING Group Exploration and Reflections

JOIN US for a lively exploration of Conscious Aging through inspiration, dialogue, writing, and group sharing to:

- Claim the Third Phase of your Life
- Embrace Self-Compassion & Authenticity
 - Align Relationships
 - Engage in a Life Review
- View Life and Death as a Spiritual Journey
- Surrender Gracefully and Enjoy Happiness
 - Create A New Vision of Aging

Workshop Facilitated by: Rev. Catherine Cullen & Rev. CeCe Frame. There is a maximum of 12 people for the group. There will be a wait list. **FOUR WEDNESDAYS, October 15th, 22nd, 29th & November 12th, 7:30 – 9:30pm.**

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm, Beginning September 8th - It's the best-selling book of all time. It's a foundational text of Western civilization. It has many adherents and detractors. It is regarded by different people, alternately, as science, history, myth, and/or literature. But how might UUs engage with it as a *sacred text*? Please drop in on a Monday night and join us as we engage with the lectionary text each week, looking at both its historical context and its relevance to our own lives.

Leaders:

Sept. 8: Duxbury Senior Minister Rev. Catherine Cullen

Sept. 15: Kingston Senior Minister Rev. Dan King

Sept. 22: Duxbury-Kingston Intern Minister Tom Bozeman

Sept. 29: leader TBD

All Meetings will be held at First Parish Church, Duxbury!

MEN'S GROUP

We're gathering our group again this year of Unitarian Universalist men to explore being in deeper brotherhood with one another. This will not be a drop-in group – a regular commitment is involved. I hope to see you there! We will have our first meeting at the church on **September 25th at 7:00pm** in the Parlor and meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month. **Leader: Tom Bozeman**



Ringing Out Justice!

News of social justice activities at First Parish Church



SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING!

The first meeting of the year is Sunday September 14 at 9 a.m. We welcome anyone who is interested in social justice issues. Please join us in the Harvey Assembly Hall! At this meeting we will be discussing our ongoing initiatives.

Social Justice PLANNING Meeting!

The planning meeting for the 2014-2015 program year will take place Monday September 15th at 5:30 at **CEDAR HILL RETREAT CENTER** in Duxbury. If you have an interest in social justice and/or you have an idea you would like to share with the committee, please join us. We will meet at 5:30 for pizza and conversation and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30.

STAY TUNED

For further Social Justice News **IN THE THURSDAY NUUWS (distro)** on Brockton Community Table - we prepare meals and serve there on the fourth Friday of every month starting in September.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TABLE

We will have our Social Justice table after church in the Harvey Assembly Hall most Sundays, starting on 9/14. Come by and learn about all the exciting social justice opportunities that are available for your help. Signups will also be available for the Box Project - our monthly contributions to local Head Start families.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH SUMMER READ!

This past summer we chose the book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarcerations in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander as our common read here at church. There is still time to read this fascinating and timely book. It is available by order at Westwinds Bookshop or amazon.com. We will be joining together to discuss the book in October - dates to be announced.

UU Mass Action News:

Upcoming UUMassAction Events to address Social Change in MA and beyond

IMMIGRATION PRAYER VIGIL—Sunday Sept 14 at 2:00 — Please join the Interfaith Community, led by the Alliance for Immigration Justice (Brewster UU) at a PRAYER VIGIL at Plymouth Correctional Facility on September 14 at 2 pm. Assemble at Joann Fabrics' parking lot in Shops at Five Way Mall in Plymouth (Rt 5, Exit 5). Bring signs, banners, drums, etc. Speakers will include Cesar Boc (Centro Presente) and Laura Wagner (UUMassAction). Let the wider community know why we support the detainees and their families. Join us in speaking out against an unjust immigration policy. Bring your family and friends. For more information contact Nancy nowakdux@gmail.com or Sue Bowser, sandbbowser@comcast.net

UUs on the Bus travel to the People's Climate March, NYC - Sunday, Sept

21 In September, world leaders are coming to New York City for a UN summit on the climate crisis. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is urging governments to support an ambitious global agreement to dramatically reduce global warming pollution. The March is organized by 350.org. UU Mass Action has filled one bus; now there's a second bus! Get tickets (cost \$25/15) and *more details* at UUMassAction.org; arrive by 5:30 AM at the

Dept of Transport (DOT) Park and Ride lot (free) in Framingham by Sheraton Tara. Bus departs at 6:00 and returns by 10 or 11pm that evening. Visit uumassaction.org

Interfaith Immigration Summit at Arlington Street Church, Sat Sept 27, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm sponsored by UU Mass Action, Boston New Sanctuary Movement & Alliance for Immigrant Justice. During '14 summer 60,000 unaccompanied children came to the USA seeking asylum. Our government has not recognized these children as refugees fleeing violence and imminent death. Six children are known to have been killed as a result of being deported back to Honduras. In order to advocate for the justice these children deserve, we must first educate ourselves. The Summit program will highlight a **panel discussion with immigration experts and personal stories told by newly arrived families** about being forced from their home country and the ordeal they are facing in the US. Lunch will be provided. To sign-up for this free event, visit uumassaction.org/events. Donations accepted.

SAVE THE DATES:

***Economic Justice Summit** at All Souls Braintree, Sat Oct 11, 9 am -12:30 pm

At GA and throughout the country, UUs and other Americans realize that the income gap, our great inequality, is a threat to our nation.

***Environment/Climate Change Summit** at First Parish in Framingham, Sat Oct 25, 9 am-12:30 pm

***End Mass Incarceration Summit** at first Parish Northboro, Sat Nov 15, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

***Faith and the Ballot: Forums on the 2014 Ballot Questions**

visit <http://ecumenicaladvocacy.eventbrite.com> for details

Other UU Mass Action News:

Stand up for Immigrant Children Rally was held at the Statehouse on August 9th. Marilyn Christmann, Sherry Gardner and Nancy Nowak marched and raised up our voices for Immigrant Children and Reform. We joined with dozens of UUs (lots from the South Shore and the Cape) and hundreds of other MA citizens in solidarity with immigrants. Together we Stood on the Side of Love. Check out photos of Marilyn and Sherry et al on facebook/uumassaction 8/11/14.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVIST LEADERSHIP TRAINING UU Mass Action, under the new dynamic leadership of Laura Wagner, reached its goal of raising \$5,000 through *Faithify*, a crowd funding process presented at General Assembly. The UU Funding Program is matching the \$5,000. Laura writes: "With this money we will be able to hire top notch educators for the SALT program, reserve adequate meeting space and make comfortable lodging arrangements. Best of all, we sent a loud and clear message to our young adults that we love and support them! Thank you for the generosity of your contributions." SALT plans to have 6 young adults in the program by Jan 2015. Registration for young adults (20s to early 30s) is now open. To learn more and to apply, visit uumassaction.org/salt.

The Mass Trust Act Victory UUs have a lot to be proud of! On August 20th the Boston City Council voted unanimously to pass the Boston Trust Act! This came as a result of years of coalition building between Immigrant Rights groups and the interfaith community, including UU Mass Action. During the last several months the focus shifted from the statehouse to the Boston City Council. After passionate advocacy work and public hearings, the council members chose to stand on the side of love! This victory follows Cambridge and Somerville's decision to stop honoring ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement/DHS) holds on undocumented immigrants not accused of a crime. The Hampden County sheriff also ordered the county to stop honoring ICE holds. UUs— savor this victory before we renew our efforts for a statewide end of ICE holds. Read more: uumassaction.org.

UU Urban Ministry NEWS

FPC at the RENEWAL HOUSE PICNIC FPC members generously supported the **Renewal House Picnic**, managed by Kingston UU, held in July at a Plymouth Campground. RH parents and many kids, enjoyed a relaxing, fun day in the woods with warm fellowship, water play, crafts, and nature exploration. **Many thanks to Donna Savicki, Cindy Wilson, Carol and Peter Nappellio, Sally and Bob Delisa, Nancy and Leonard Nowak, Regina Mortland, Jeanne Penvenne, Carrie Meier, and Claire Mac Donald** for contributions of Participation (8 from FPC), Driving, Food, and

Financial Support. UUs from Duxbury and Plymouth help Kingston conduct this annual July RH picnic. It was a super day!

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee News

President Barack Obama signed the Assessing Progress in Haiti Act into law on August 8. This law will bolster oversight of transparency, accountability, democracy, and good governance for US aid to Haiti and also increase awareness of the needs of vulnerable populations. Congress calls for the Secretary of State to coordinate a three year strategy to address priority constraints and report annually to Congress. UUSC staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly for years since the 2010 earthquake to get this law through Congress. A Huge Success! Visit UUSC.org

UUSC and UUA, along with the UU-United Nations Office, are ardently supporting the **People's Climate Change March in NYC** on Sept 21.

UUSC and UUA Presidents and activists wrote to the Mayor of Detroit about the Right to Water and the injustice of the **water shutoff crisis this summer.**

UUSC is working with lawyers and other leaders to assure **justice for the immigrant children** who have come to the US after fleeing violence in their home countries.

Visit UUSC.org

Save the Date: Rev Dr Bill Schulz, currently President of UUSC, former President of UUA, and for 11 years, CEO of Amnesty International USA, will speak at a Union Service at FPC, with Plymouth and Kingston UUs joining us, on April 12th, 2015.

Continued Calendar:**(from page 1)**

HIP 6:00-7:30pm

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Owl Meeting 7:00pm

Social Justice Annual Planning Mtg.

- Cedar Hill 5:30pm, dinner 6:30pm

Bible Group 7:00-8:30pm

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Yoga 8:30am

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Kindred Spirits 10:00-11:30am

Agenda Meeting 7:00pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Book Club 9:00am

Historical Committee 9:30am

First Alliance Sewing Grp.

10:00-2:00pm

Governing Board Mtg. 7:00pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

AFTER CHURCH BUDGET MTG.

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Membership Committee 9:00am

HIP 6:00-7:30pm

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Woman's Ritual 7:00pm

PFLAG Kickoff 7:30pm

Bible Group 7:00-8:30pm.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

HIP Parent Meeting 7:00pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Book Club 9:00am

Alliance Sewing Grp. 10:00-2:00pm

Men's Group 7:00pm

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven

7:00pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28

ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING

AFTER CHURCH

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

HIP 6:00-7:30pm

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Bible Group 7:00-8:30pm

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

**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 **SEPTEMBER**, please call Rejeana Parker, 781-837-9102, and for **OCTOBER**, please call George Anderson.

**Minister's Office Hours:**

Catherine's regular 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!

Church Office Hours

The FPC church office is open **Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Please call Lenore, **781-934-6532** or email at uuduxbury@verizon.net if you need anything.

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)

Membership 9:00am (3rd 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 5-6:30p.m. (weekly)

MONDAYS – Building Use 11 a.m. (4th Mon. each month)

Finance Committee 7 p.m. (2nd Mon. each month)

Bible Group every Monday 7:00pm

TUESDAYS - Hand Bells 7 p.m.

Memoirs 7:00p.m. (2nd Tues. each month)

WEDNESDAYS – RE Committee

7 p.m. (1st Wed. of each month)

Staff meeting 11:30 a.m. (weekly)

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

“Kindred Spirits” 10-11:30 p.m. (2nd 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)

Historical Committee 9:30a.m. (3rd Thurs. of each month)

Communications (2nd 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)

**VERY IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP UPDATE****IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR PLEDGE, COULD YOU DO SO?**

The Finance Committee has been working hard this summer and will very shortly provide us with a budget for this current year. That budget will be determined in large measure by your pledges received during last spring's Stewardship Campaign. We all did a great job of understanding the needs of this wonderful church. We are, however, still some \$8,000 short of our goal. This means cuts within the budget with potentially severe cuts to Religious Education, Social Justice and Music. Additionally we may not be able to celebrate our wonderful minister with a raise after 10 years of outstanding ministry.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE, BUT IT IS GETTING VERY CLOSE!

We are so close--let's make it happen! If you have not pledged this is for you!

Please contact one of your Stewardship Chairs with a pledge or discuss your pledge. Cindy Ladd Fiorini or Sharon Nabreski. If you would like a member of the committee to visit with you we are more than happy to do that as well. You may also send your pledge directly to the church.

Thank you so much for all you do!! Your Stewardship Committee

Sunday, Sept. 7th, 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Ingathering Breakfast

We hope everyone can attend First Parish Church's traditional Ingathering breakfast. Come to enjoy the company of old friends and meet new members and friends too as we begin a new year of friendship and worship. We will offer bagels, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and fresh fruit. This breakfast will be held in the Assembly Hall. The suggested donation is \$4 per person, \$15 for a family. We look forward to seeing you there. *The Hospitality/Fellowship Committee*

Save The Date!!
Annual Committee Chair Meeting
October 9th, 7:30pm

“Welcome Back”
by Intern Minister Tom Bozeman

After a remarkably temperate Summer, we return to the regular church year to worship, to do some good committee work, and to bask in the light of this community once again! As I enter the third (and final) year of my internship at both the Duxbury and Kingston UU churches, I'm excited to continue both supporting your spiritual growth and doing some growing of my own.

One of my favorite mutual growth opportunities last year was the intercongregational drop-in Bible Study sessions that were held on Monday evenings in the Duxbury parlor. Getting to share in such a rich spiritual practice with one another was so nourishing. Those sessions will continue as last year, although there will be a small twist: Revs. Cullen and King will also be leading them. I hope that you'll join us!

Additionally, any UU men are encouraged to join the intercongregational Men's Group that meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. We gather to both support each other's journey through life – something which happens all too rarely among men in our society. We will be starting back up on September 25. I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

NEW BELLRINGER DATES FOR 2014-2015 CHURCH YEAR

We will be changing our Bell Ringer Deadline dates for the new church year. We are trying to make it more uniform each month with having the same day, the 24th of each month being the due date. Also, it would be beneficial for everyone to have the bell ringer in their hands at the start of the new month. We think it will work out well but will need a couple of months to get the ball rolling and everyone to become familiar with the new deadline date.

So For This Coming Year, Here is the BellRinger Deadline Schedule:

October 24th
 November 24th
 December 29th
 (December it is a little later because of the holiday)
 January 24th
 February 24th
 March 24th
 April 24th
 May 24th

Reminder of the First Parish Bulletin Board Policy

Top of the Stairs:

Sept.	Social Justice
Oct.	RE
Nov.	Membership
Dec.	Christmas Gift tags (Box Project)/ Christmas Season Events
Jan.	Partner Church/ Welcoming Committee
Feb.	Small Group Ministry
Mar.	Stewardship
Apr.	Membership
May	RE

Harvey Assembly Hall:**Board 1 (3 sections)**

RE

Adult Programming

Social Justice

Board 2 (3 sections)

Welcoming Congregation/ Partner Church

Rotating Section* beginning with Governing Board

Membership

*Open to other committees or events. Please schedule with Lenore.

Important: Use only push pins on the boards. Thumbtacks cause damage over time. If your event needs the Hall Boards contact the committees and ask them to remove their displays.

**THURSDAY SEWING CIRCLE**

The Thursday Sewing Circle will re-gather on Thursday, September 18th at 10:00am to begin work on articles for the upcoming Christmas Fair. We welcome everyone whether or not you are a seamstress or knitter, etc. Every project involves steps that require cutting, tracing, stuffing, etc. & we welcome your help. Join us for a morning of coffee, conversation and creativity.

PARTNER CHURCH NEWS

The minister of our Partner Church in Nyaradszereda, Transylvanian, Rev. Szilard Sandor, completed his course of study in pastoral counseling in July. Counseling is fairly new in this part of the world, and Szilard is looking for a job in the field in addition to ministering to two churches. Our donation of \$200 to the minister simply helps him with family expenses. Both of his children will be away at high school this year as there is no high school in their tiny village. They live in a small parsonage in Jobbyfalva (his other church) which is very primitive by our standards.

Our gift of \$300 to our Partner Church was spent in a very significant way. Until now our Partner Church has resisted contributing to parsonage maintenance because it is not their building. This year they voted to spend the money to repair the outside of the parsonage signifying a change in their thinking. We will post some pictures of the work on the bulletin board in the near future.

BRAIN TUMOR RESEARCH CHARITY YARD SALE!!!!**Looking for Donations and Shoppers!!**

WHEN: Saturday, September 13th, 9:00am to 2:00pm

WHERE: 9 Keenes Brook Lane, Duxbury

Please contact Cindy Ladd Fiorini if you have anything you would like to donate. We are taking donations any time. No large furniture. Thank you so much for helping this very worthy cause.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday, September 28, 2014, 12 p.m.

Annual Parish Financial Meeting

WARRANT

The annual Parish Financial Meeting of the First Parish Church of Duxbury, Massachusetts, is hereby called for 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2014, in the Harvey Assembly Hall.

1. Call to Order – Moderator
2. Invocation – Rev. Catherine Cullen, Minister
3. Review reports of the following committees: Capital Projects Planning Committee, Trustees of Parish Funds, Finance Committee, Audit Committee.
4. Cell Fund Report
5. Treasurer’s report and review of church finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.
6. To take any action regarding a previous vote of the Parish concerning the Orndorff Capital Reserve and the Intern Reserve
7. Presentation of and vote on the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 – Finance Committee Chair.
8. To act upon any bequests.
9. To take any action on allocation of endowment income.
10. Closing words and benediction – Minister
11. Adjournment


Cynthia Ladd Fiorini
Clerk

NOTE: An informational after-church meeting to present and discuss the proposed **budget** will be held on **12 p.m., Sept. 21st in the Parlor**. Please see the budget on the church website (www.uuduxbury.org) or request a copy from the church office, and come with your questions.

NEED FOR EBOLA SUPPLIES

Did you know that doctors and nurses are using trash bag liners for medical gloves in Ebola infested areas?? If you want to directly donate money, **or even better, supplies**—U Mass Medical is airlifting donations to Liberia, Sierra Leone, etc.

Contact Deborah Noble, Project Coordinator
Globalhealth@umassmed.edu
 508-856-2840

A complete list of the simple things (masks, gowns, aprons, gloves) needed can be found at their website under Ebola: www.umassmed.edu/globalhealth.

Saturday, September 27th - The Community Table in Brockton

We are seeking donations of American Chop Suey casseroles, salad fixings, desserts and volunteers to serve at The Community Table in Brockton. We provide lunch on the fourth Saturday of the month for about 150+ guests including children and families.

Please visit the Social Justice table at coffee hour to learn more about this church program, to sign up, to get the recipe and casserole pan and/or to say hello to us. You can also sign up by sending an email to: calbrandeis@gmail.com or andreabrandeis@gmail.com.

Please think about serving with your small group ministry, your family or solo. We have a lot of fun serving and living our social justice values. We are looking forward to another great year of serving the guests of the Community Table. **Save the dates: September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd & December 27th**. Thank you.

Callie Brandeis, FPC Coordinator of The Community Table and Social Justice Committee Member

UU Urban Ministry sponsors an Interfaith Open House at First Church in Roxbury (1632) and Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (1981)

Sunday, September 28, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Come learn what's happening at Roxbury's oldest and newest places of worship. The tour starts at the 1804 UU meetinghouse, climb up to the steeple for a stunning view of Boston, ring the Paul Revere bell, and participate in a scavenger hunt to learn the church's history (related to Harvard College, Roxbury Latin School, and Revolutionary War). Learn, too, about the activities and goals of UU Urban Ministry, stewards of the First Church. The tour moves to the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, the largest mosque in New England and a dynamic cultural center. The guide will speak about the Center's architectural and spiritual features. Learn about Islam, the Boston Muslim community, and discuss how UUs can foster interfaith dialogue. This UUUM open house offers all UUs, our young families and friends, an opportunity to explore the rich diversity of faith and culture within our nearby neighborhoods.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVIST LEADERSHIP TRAINING Program

UU Mass Action's SALT program, collaborating with the College of Social Justice, plans to engage 6 young adults (20s to early 30s) by Jan 2015. Registration is now open. If you—or someone you know—would like to learn more and/or apply, visit uumassaction.org/salt.