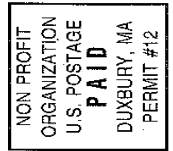


The Bell-Ringer

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



 **NOVEMBER 2014** 

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 2nd -- "Remembering Jamie"-- Catherine will be joined by Bob and Deb Neal as we reflect upon the complicated death of suicide. **(CHILDREN WILL BEGIN IN "BIG CHURCH" TO CELEBRATE CATHERINE'S "RE-INSTALLATION!")**

November 9th -- "Bless Those Who Serve" --*Send Catherine the story of your "special vet"* as we remember and honor those who serve in our military armed forces. Email Catherine (The RevCatherine@aol.com) or put a note in her church mailbox.

November 16th -- "Religion and Science: A Conversation"---Catherine will be joined by FPC'er Russ Pelham as we consider the relationship of science and religion.

November 23rd -- "How Much Is Enough?"-- In the spirit of Thanksgiving we will ask how this question applies to our own lives.. **(PLEASE BRING FRESH PRODUCE TO SHARE ON OUR TABLE OF BLESSINGS)**
(CHILDREN'S HARVEST FEAST & BAGS OF BLESSINGS – SEE PAGE 3)

November 30th -- "To Provide Gladness" -- Sometimes when things aren't going so well, it can be hard to find the glimmers of joy in life. Where might we look for them, and what difference would it make?

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1
DIC-9:00 am, Sisters of St. Margaret
HIP Leaf Raking
OWL Overnight – Cedar Hill
Small Group Ministry 6:00pm
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2
Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Decemberfest Meeting 12:00 noon
HIP 6:00-7:30pm
Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm
MONDAY NOVEMBER 3
Bible Group 7:00pm
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5
Building & Grounds 9:00am
RE Meeting 7:00pm
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6
Book Club 9:00am
Alliance Sewing Grp. 10:00-2:00pm
Worship 7:00pm
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7
Committee on Ministry 5:00pm
BAY PLAYERS PERFORMANCE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8
BAY PLAYERS PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9
Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
HIP – work for Habitat 12:00-5:00pm
Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

“With joy and promise, I take up this ministry at First Parish Church. I am mindful of the privileges and the responsibilities conferred upon me by your Act of Installation. I pledge to you that, to the best of my ability, I will serve this congregation and the tradition it represents. As your minister I pledge to speak my truth to you in love, to minister to your joys and sorrows, and to set an example of religious leadership by my commitment to our Principles and Purposes and our ethic of justice and love. May this ministry we share be blessed and be a blessing to the world!”

from *Act of Installation of Rev. Catherine Cullen,*
November 7, 2004

Dear Friends,

My how time flies when you're having fun! Hard to believe it was ten years ago this month that you installed me as your minister. Our Installation Service seems like only yesterday. Yet, in so many ways, your life and mine, and the church we both love,--- and the world we all inhabit ---have known significant changes since that first Sunday of November in 2004.

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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

Minister's Message continued from page 1 . . .

Join me on Sunday, November 2nd, as you and I remember the promises we made to one another at the installation. Our young people will be with us at the beginning of worship as we "re-install" this very special ministry we share!

Catherine



DUXBURY INTERFAITH COUNCIL **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Organized by Catherine

Thursday, November 27th

7:30 a.m.

Bumpus Park

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



CHURCH SCHOOL FEAST

Harvest Celebration and Canned Goods Collection

Sun., Nov. 23 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. 16** (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. 23** in time to help fill Thanksgiving baskets for less fortunate families.

Bag of Blessings Project:

Again: **Sun., Nov. 16** - bags distributed

Sun., Nov. 23 - bags collected.

Thank you for your caring support.

Our Whole Lives Parent Orientation for Grades K – 1

Sunday, November 16th at 9:30am

Join us for information on OWL, a developmentally appropriate program designed to promote positive sexual health. This year’s class will be led by Tracy Wagner and Nancy Sullivan. Childcare will be provided.

Please RSVP to sunsue@verizon.net.

Unit Team II Church School Leader Meeting – Sun., Nov. 16, 9:00 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. 23, 9:00 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 1 Leader, from the Religious Education Committee.



Holiday Pageant – December 21st, 2014

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 2-6	Junior Choir
Grades K-1	Animals
Grades 2	Angels, Kings' Attendants
Grades 3-4	Angels, Shepherds
Grades 5-6	Angels, Kings, Shepherds, Mary, Joseph & Gabriel
Grade 9-12	Assistant Directors

Pageant Rehearsal Date Schedule:

Please note all rehearsals are on Sundays

<u>Nov. 30th</u>	Introduction to pageant during church school. Children will pick their parts. K-1 fitted for costumes.
<u>Dec. 7th</u>	9 a.m. rehearsal in the Hall 2 nd -6 th grade fitted for costumes
<u>Dec. 14th</u>	9a.m. dress rehearsal in sanctuary
<u>Dec.21st</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. 7th and Dec. 7th & 14th.

Jr. Choir will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 30th.

Santa Lucia dancers will have an extra rehearsal after church on Dec. 7th.

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

December 7th, 2014 - Mitten Tree Reminder : During Family Sunday on **Sun., Dec.7th**, we will be sharing in our annual Mitten Tree ritual. 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.

November Birthdays!



Elise G.
Audrey H.
Toril M.
Cam P.
Liayla P.
Isabella S.

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 next meeting of the Memoirs group will be again on **Tuesday, November 11th at 7:15 p.m.** in the Marion Fletcher Room. **The topic will be “Meal Time Memories”.** Hope you’ll join us – all are welcome! *Leader: Jackie Smith-Miller.*

MEN’S GROUP

This year we're gathering our group again 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. We will meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month. *Leader: Tom Bozeman*





Ringing Out Justice!

News of social justice activities at First Parish Church



News about The Community Table at Father Bill's/Mainspring



We will be serving lunch to an average of 175 guests on Saturday, November 22nd. A small group ministry has signed up to serve for this date! We need a minimum of 12 casseroles, salad fixings and desserts for 175 guests. Please sign up at coffee hour at the Social Justice table or contact Andrea Brandeis. Thank you so much!

A special collection for the Community Table at Father Bill's/Mainspring will take place during our service on Sunday, November 23. We will collect donations from our congregation to help fund the purchase of a new commercial stove, which costs between \$6,000 - \$8,000.

The Community Table has had many new guests and the seatings have increased from 3 to 4 to accommodate the need. The motto at Father Bill's is Dining with Dignity.

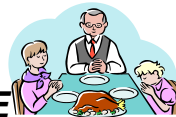
The Boston Food Bank, along with Trader Joes, Stop and Shop and other food sources have helped by providing good nutritious foods each day. Local farms have also donated much-needed fresh vegetables. Other needs are paper products, napkins and plates as well as canned goods and other produce. Thanks to the generosity of First Parish Church, Father Bills has been able to purchase professional kitchen items and paper supplies that have helped us serve over 60,000 meals last year.

Please consider making a donation on Sunday, November 23 to the special collection to fund the needs at the Community Table. Bring your checkbook!

On behalf of the guests of The Community Table, thank you.

***Callie Brandeis, Youth Coordinator of The Community Table @ Father Bill's
and Social Justice Cmtee Member***

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE



Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in Guest at Your Table – a 40-year UU tradition. By bringing home a beautiful *Stories of Hope* booklet and Guest at Your Table envelope, which will be available during our Harvest Sunday service on November 23rd, families and individuals learn how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee puts our shared values into action. Through a potent combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots human rights leaders, UUSC promotes worker's rights, upholds the human right to water and protests communities at risk.

Through the *Stories of Hope* booklet, we will connect with leaders throughout the world who are working hard for human rights in partnership with UUSC. Households are invited to share Guest at Your Table materials when family and friends gather together, reflect on the contributions of these "guests" toward justice, and share generously. Each week, we can choose a different story to read, bringing our guests to life and helping celebrate our own rights.

Sharing our blessings through Guest at Your Table ensures that UUSC's human rights work continues. Please consider making contributions throughout the program, to collect enough to be eligible for the matching grant: any donation of \$125 or more is eligible to be matched dollar for dollar, thanks to a generous grant by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y. This means you could double the impact of your gift!

Please be sure to pick up your *Stories of Hope* booklet and envelope during the Harvest Sunday service on November 23rd. If you prefer, you can make your contribution online at uusc.org/givetoguest. Our Guest at Your Table program will run from Sunday, November 23rd until Sunday, December 21st.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PLANNING MEETING REPORT

The Social Justice Committee met for a planning meeting at Cedar Hill in September. There were 12 participants and interesting discussions. We welcomed all input.

Our Mission remains the same and is to provide opportunities for service, education and advocacy to members and friends of First Parish Church.

This means that we provide opportunities for both upstream and downstream work. These terms come from a social justice story: there was a village and one day the women, gathered at the river's edge saw a basket floating down toward them. When they pulled out the basket they found a baby. They took the baby in and fed and clothed and took care of the baby. The next day there were 4 baskets with babies and more the next day. Soon all they were doing was pulling babies out of the river to care for them. Then someone asked why the babies were in the river and suggested someone should go upstream and discover the cause.

We believe that both service and changing underlying causes of injustice are worthy of our efforts. We continue to provide opportunities for both.

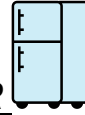
Next year we will be doing the Box Project, the Community Table, the Overnights of Hospitality, letter writing tables, information on advocacy work and participation with other groups. We are also planning 2 or 3 potluck discussions this year, one on gun violence and another with the Denominational affairs committee on economic injustice.

Box Project Thank you from Head Start

A family was loading up their Box Project delivery of food and clothing when the Grandmother started to cry. She was very overwhelmed and grateful for the kindness shown to her and her family. The next morning she brought a hand crocheted afghan to Head Start. She told the family service advocate, Debbie Sullivan, that she makes them for people who are kind to her family. It is her way of saying thank you and repaying the kindness. Debbie asked if there is any way we could use either an afghan, perhaps as a raffle item or as a gift for someone that needs a new hand-made blanket. I replied that we could either put it in the silent auction at the Christmas Fair or give it to someone that needs a special afghan.

If there is someone who would benefit from having it, please let me know.

Carrie Meier and the Social Justice Committee



BOX PROJECT NEED – REFRIGERATOR

A family has had their refrigerator break down three times and now it is not working. If anyone knows of an available refrigerator, please let me know. Email or call Carrie Meier or call the church.

JOIN US TO PROVIDE OVERNIGHTS OF HOSPITALITY TO THOSE IN NEED

During the coldest months of winter the “Overnights of Hospitality” emergency shelter program provides a hot meal and a warm place to sleep for homeless men in Plymouth. Four Plymouth churches provide the housing. We at First Parish Church participate by providing meals and supplies. This is an opportunity for us as a church to reach out to those in our community who desperately need it.

Cooks and servers are needed for Tuesday, December 9. Mark your calendars and contact us if you can help. We have meal suggestions and can pair you with someone who knows the ropes. Contact Mary Flanagan.

Long underwear needed also. Deliver new warm tops and bottoms in men’s sizes small, medium and large to the Social Justice table after church by 12/7.

UU Mass Action News

Events and Campaigns -- for details visit uumassaction.org

End Mass Incarceration Summit

Saturday Nov 15 at First Parish Northboro. 9:30-1:00

S.A.L.T.

Spiritual Activist Leadership Training-- registration is open for young adults (20s-30s). Learn about this special social justice program on UUMA website.

STORY SLAM

Enjoy a Moth-like evening hearing UU's Stories of Courage-Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone; Nov 8 from 6:00-9:00 at First Parish Framingham

UUSC News

Sign up for Action Alerts at UUSC.org. Put your UU Faith into Action!

Current petition to sign:

"ebay: End your affiliation with the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)"

Microsoft, Google, Facebook, and Yahoo! have already ended their ALEC membership because of their concerns about the harmful role ALEC has played in our democratic process. More background info is available at [UUSC.org/take action](http://UUSC.org/take-action). Sign today!

Continued Calendar from Page 1:

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10

HIP Overnight – Cedar Hill
Intern Meeting 7:00-8:30pm
Welcome Congregation 7:00pm
Bible Group 7:00-8:30pm

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

VETERAN'S DAY

Memoirs 7:15 pm
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12

Kindred Spirits 10:00-11:30am
Conscious Aging 7:30-9:30pm

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13

Book Club 9:00am
Alliance Sewing Grp. 10:00-2:00pm
Agenda Meeting 7:00pm
Communications Meeting 7:00pm
Men's Group 7:00pm

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14

BAY PLAYER PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15

BAY PLAYER PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am
Unit 2 Leader's Meeting 9:00am
Membership Committee 9:00am
K1 Parent Owl Mtg. 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

HIP 6:00-7:30pm

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17

Bible Group 7:00-8:30pm.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19

UUMA Cluster 9:00-11:30am

CRANBERRY CLUSTER 6:00pm
Thanksgiving Centerpiece Wkshop
7:00pm

DRE Meeting 7:00pm

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20

Book Club 9:00am
Historical Committee 9:30am
Alliance Sewing Grp. 10:00-2:00pm
Governing Board Mtg. 7:00pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

HOLIDAY FEAST

Unit 1 Leader's Meeting 9:00am
Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm
Knott Meeting, HIP 6:00-7:30pm

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24

BELL RINGER DEADLINE

Building Use Meeting 10:30am
PFLAG 7:30pm

Bible Group 7:00-8:30pm

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27

OFFICE CLOSED

THANKSGIVING DAY

Bumpus Park Service 7:30am

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

Community Table 9:00am

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

Advent Wreath

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm
HIP 6:00-7:30pm

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 **NOVEMBER**, the contact is Caleen Alexanderson.



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 Fridays are her sermon writing days. If you need to schedule an appointment during office hours or any time after office hours, please feel free to contact the church.

STILL ROOM IN:

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 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 uuduxbury@verizon.net if you need anything.

People News:

Our thoughts and best wishes are with **Bob & Mary Ann Kauffman** as **Mary Ann** continues to recover from cancer surgery. Cards and notes can be sent to Mary Ann at home.

Congratulations to **Sunsue Fleming's son, Dustin** and his wife **Tonia** on their recent wedding on **October 18th, 2014!!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
Autumn Cranberry Cluster Dinner

Wednesday November 19th, 2014
First Parish Church - Duxbury

Rev. Catherine Cullen Presents:

"Buddha's Brain: The Neuroscience of Meditation and Why it Works!"

Gathering for Wine and Cheese at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Presentation 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Please reserve your tickets by Monday, November 17th

uuduxbury@verizon.com

or

781-934-6532

Cost of dinner and the presentation is \$6.00 per person.

Hosted by the Alliance and Denominational Affairs.



Next Bell-Ringer Deadline:
Monday, November 24th, 9:00 a.m.

Interning Grace
by Intern Minister Tom Bozeman

“The Times In Which We Find Ourselves”

Since August 9, when Black teenager Michael Brown was shot in Ferguson, MO, the conversation about race in our society has seemed more continually present in the public consciousness than it normally is. Coming soon after the death of another Black man (Eric Garner) on Staten Island and followed by what Amnesty International has labeled “human rights abuses” in the police response to the protests that followed, the death of Michael Brown was but one more event in the timeline of this country’s troubled history of race relations.

In 1963, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his “Letter From Birmingham Jail,” in which he urged white moderates to join his cause. May we continue to heed that call today and step forward to do what we can to aid the cause of racial reconciliation. On Friday, January 30, we will host a community conversation toward that end. Please bring your thoughts, your feelings, your concerns, and your hopes. And in the months between now and then, please both engage one another and also get in touch with me about how we might respond to these times in which we find ourselves.

Pastoral Care Associates Available to Assist Parishioners

In 2013, FPC Duxbury launched an initiative to provide lay pastoral care and assistance to parishioners in circumstances where lay involvement might be appropriate. This work has included hospital and nursing home visits, as well as home visits for parishioners who may be home bound or have limited ability to fully participate in church activities. Pastoral care associates do not by any means replace the very important pastoral work done by Minister, but rather supplement it with home visits and other activities that the Minister’s schedule does not realistically allow. The work of the pastoral care associates can also complement, but not replace, the work of the Caring Connection. Rather than focus the very important services provided by that group, like meals and rides, pastoral associates focus on providing company, conversation, listening, and being present.

Any parishioners who themselves would like a visit from a pastoral care associate, or know of someone who might benefit, are encouraged to contact the Minister, the Pastoral Care Coordinator, Michael Gardner, or any of the other specially trained Pastoral Care Associates, who currently include Jean Baker, Jack Hill, Bob Kauffman, Cindy Ladd Fiorini, Karen Sankey, Jackie Smith-Miller and Betsy Stevens.

New Date for The New Jim Crow Discussion Group!

SAVE THE DATE! It will be January 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Please stop by our table after church on Sunday to speak to us or to purchase a book. - Social Justice Committee

Worship and Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee has asked a number of committee chairs to comment on the connection between stewardship and the activities of our committee. Here are some thoughts on how Worship and Stewardship are linked.

Worship—both providing the opportunity for Common Worship, and nurturing the spiritual life of individual congregants—is central to the mission of our Church. For many, it is the single most important reason why our Church exists. It is the defining experience that holds us together as an institution, as a community.

Worship, being so central, commands much of the financial resources we require, principally expressed through the salaries of the Minister and the Music Director—music being such an inherent component of our worship—and the funds needed to maintain and preserve our worship space, in the Sanctuary, the Chapel, and, in the summer, the Patio. The quality of our worship life is directly linked to our financial strength; to our ability to attract and retain quality staff—staff like the extraordinarily talented and inspiring staff we now have—and our ability to maintain and enhance our worship space.

We also draw upon our financial resources to further enrich our worship life by, for example, paying for guest ministers and musicians to bring variety to our worship time together. Our worship life is deepened and enriched by the challenges of new ideas, new voices, new sounds filling our Sanctuary and flowing to us. These efforts too are supported by all our pledges.

Oh—and don't forget the candles! (I'm not kidding.) These are surprisingly expensive, and yet, like all the other elements of Common Worship, so valuable—both as a symbol of enlightenment and unity, and as a means to beat back the darkness, to help light the path toward wholeness, the path we follow by the practice common worship and individual spiritual contemplation.

Stewardship of the Church includes the Stewardship of Worship, the Stewardship of our individual Spiritual Lives. "What is worship if not stewardship for the soul".

- *Michael Gardner, on behalf of the Worship Committee*

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES!

Small Groups are designed to foster connection and caring, to provide an avenue for personal and spiritual growth and ultimately to strengthen the fabric of our church community. Small Groups are open to anyone who might wish to participate. The groups are guided by facilitators, gather either once or twice a month, meet in people's homes, or at church, and follow prepared session plans. Groups are always open to new members and provide opportunities to service back to either the church community or the larger community outside the church. Back when the program started within the Unitarian Universalist churches, the Rev. Glenn Turner said: "people come to us seeking intimacy and spiritual growth, and that too often all we have to offer are committee meetings." Now committee meetings are very important to the work of the church, but so are opportunities for more personal connections.

Are you interested in joining a small group or would you like to talk to someone more about it? We have a specific NEED now for a FEW GOOD MEN for a Wednesday evening group that meets once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. There are openings in other groups as well.

Please contact any member of the Small Group Steering Committee to sign up or ask questions. We are: Cindy Ladd Fiorini, David Murphy, Mary Langner, or Catherine Cullen therevcatherine@aol.com.

Cell Tower Fund Social Justice Grant Applications

Applications are due November 1. The form is available on the website and at the church office. Please use the 2014 form. Friends and members of First Parish can apply for a Social Justice grant. Please send your application to Cindy Ladd-Fiorini at home or email it.



Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop

In preparation for the upcoming Decemberfest, the Greens Committee is offering a flower arranging workshop for anyone interested in improving their flower arranging skills. Roni Lehage, Master Gardener will demonstrate the art of flower arranging while giving the participants an opportunity to create their own Thanksgiving centerpiece.

When: **Wednesday, November 19th**

Time: **7:00pm**

Where: **First Parish Church**

Cost: \$5.00, bring your own container and a bunch of mums, greens and oasis will be provided. Space is limited. If interested contact Sharon Nabreski at 781-826-6887 or Sally Delisa at 781-834-6851.



DECEMBERFEST

Decemberfest is just around the corner on **Saturday, December 6th from 9-2**. So make plans to bring in donations for Mrs. Kringle's Table, the Bake Table and Silent Auction.

We will be having an organizational meeting **Sunday Nov 2** after church in the Parlor. If you would like to help out in this always fun and important fundraiser, please join us!!! This meeting will be brief. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Landgren.



DUXBURY INTERFAITH COUNCIL **2014 THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT**

The Outreach Committee of the Duxbury Interfaith Council is planning the preparation of Thanksgiving food baskets to distribute to our less fortunate neighbors. This has become a major community endeavor, and we are asking for your help. We are grateful for your continued support, as are over 100 recipient families.

HOW TO HELP?

DONATIONS OF MONEY: Please make check payable to the Duxbury Interfaith Council and mail to P.O. Box 1161, Duxbury, MA 02331.

DONATIONS OF FOOD: Please drop off all non-perishable items at Holy Family Church, 601 Tremont Street, on **Saturday, Nov. 22nd from 9:00 to 12:00 pm** and **Sunday, Nov. 23rd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**.

Non-perishable donations needed:

Canned Goods: Yellow and Green vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Gravy

Juice: Non-frozen concentrated juice mix

Packaged Dessert Mixes: Quick Bread, Muffins, Brownie, Cake & Frosting

Baked Goods: Cookies, Brownies, Squares, Cupcakes, Quick Breads, Pies.

Baked goods should be dropped off on Sunday, Nov. 23rd and Monday, Nov. 24th.

****No food donations in glass containers and within expiration dates, please.**

PACKING AND SORTING: We are always in need of volunteers. Any amount of time is helpful, and parents are welcome to bring children on **Sunday, Nov. 23rd from 12:00 to 4:00 pm (sorting only); and on Monday, Nov. 24th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

BASKET PICK UP AND DELIVERIES: Most recipients pick up their baskets. *We need help loading the baskets into cars* on **Tuesday, Nov. 25th from 12:00 – 5:00 pm (Strong adults only, please)** Deliveries begin at 3:00 pm.

Come join us at the 2014 - SILVER BELLS FAIR!

First Parish Church Beal House

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th 9:30- 3:30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th 12:00-2:00

Handicrafts, International bazaar, gifts, homemade pies, fudge, cookies, holiday greens, treasures, knife sharpening, free coffee, tea, cider. Come join us!!

Unplug the Christmas Machine Workshop – First Parish Church Scituate

Saturday November 1: 9:30am - 3:00 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate

Are you tired of being stressed out, exhausted and left with a pile of bills? It's time to unplug the Christmas machine and put the joy back into the holiday season! Join Rev. Pamela Barz, minister of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate, for this informative workshop based on the popular book, Unplug the Christmas Machine by Jo Robinson and Jean Staeheli. This workshop helps people reduce their stress and increase their enjoyment by making simple changes in their holiday celebration. Participants will be given a chance to examine their current practices, define their values, create a fantasy Christmas, then combine all their insights into a workable plan for the coming holiday season. The workshop fee of \$10.00 includes materials and lunch. To reserve your space call 781-545-3324 or email firstparishscituate@verizon.net and send your check to First Parish UU Church, Attn: Xmas Workshop.

AUTUMN CHAMBER MUSIC: A Harvest of Harpsichord Music

Sunday November 16, at 3:00pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate

Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for a special afternoon concert with musicians Donna Culley, violin, Carol Cybulska, soprano, Elizabeth Dubuisson, harpsichord, Caroline Hine, cello and Beverly Reilly, flute. These wonderful musicians will perform selections from Bach, Hayden, Handel, Loeillet, Scarlatti and other baroque and early classical era composers. A reception will follow the program. Admission: \$15.00, \$10.00 for seniors/students, Proceeds to benefit the FPUU Pipe Organ Restoration Fund