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JUNE 2015



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 31st--"Why Pray" – Catherine will be joined by Michael Gardner in the Pulpit for 9 a.m. Worship Service. The Annual Meeting will follow Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Harvey Assembly Hall. (Church School Families will be reimbursed for child care expenses for attending Annual Meeting.)

May 31st (at 4pm) --"The Ordination of Thomas Bozeman"--join us as we, along with our sister church in Kingston, ordain our student minister Tom Bozeman! The ordination is intergenerational and refreshments will be served after the service.

June 7th -- "The Makings of a Minister", In his last sermon here at FPC, Rev. Tom Bozeman will be joined by Catherine and members of the Joint Intern Committee as we reflect upon UU ministry for the 21st century.

June 14th -- Flower Communion Sunday - This Worship is a tradition that is uniquely Unitarian Universalist. It is our opportunity to recognize that our strength as a community of faith stems from our sharing with one another. **Please remember to bring- a flower (or two) with you and join us for our special, last regular worship together before the Summer!** Our worship will also include a dedication of our new outdoor labyrinth.

June 21st -- 1st Fisherman's Service, 8:00a.m. out on the patio! – Please join us for our first Fisherman's Service!

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY JUNE 1

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

TUESDAY JUNE 2

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

Building & Grounds 9:00a.m.

R.E. Retreat:

Old Members - 6:00pm

New Members - 6:30pm

THURSDAY JUNE 4

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

FRIDAY JUNE 5

Committee on Ministry 5:00pm

SATURDAY JUNE 6

HAUL DAY!

DIC Holy Family 9:00a.m.

SGM 6:00pm

SUNDAY JUNE 7

Sr. Choir 9:30am

Worship 10:30a.m.

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30p.m.

MONDAY JUNE 8

Welcome Cong. 7:00p.m.

Finance Meeting 7:00p.m.

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

TUESDAY JUNE 9

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

Kindred Spirits 10:00-11:30a.m.

Documentary Film Showing 7:30p.m.

"Shining Night, A Portrait of Composer Morten Lauridsen"

THURSDAY JUNE 11

Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.

Agenda Setting Meeting 7:00p.m.

Communications 7:00p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Abundance does not happen automatically. It is created when we have the sense to choose community, to come together to celebrate and share our common store. Whether the scarce resource is money or love or power or words, the true law of life is that we generate more of whatever seems scarce by trusting its supply and passing it around...

Abundance is a communal act, the joint creation of an incredibly complex ecology in which each part functions on behalf of the whole and, in return, is sustained by the whole.

Community doesn't just create abundance – community is abundance --Parker Palmer

Dear Friend,

As I prepared my eleventh Annual Report for you I realized that, in the section of my report that takes note of "highlights" of the year for me, one theme has been consistent--this is how I expressed this "highlight" in my 2015 report:

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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

Dawn MacKechnie, Youth Advisor

Lenore O'Malley, Church Administrator

Rev. Robert R. Walsh, Minister Emeritus

Alex Pevzner, Jr., Junior Choir Director

Jackie Smith-Miller, Director of Religious Education, Emerita

Edwin Swanborn, Music Director

Elaine Stephansky, Bell Choir Director

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Continuing to work with talented and committed lay leaders. Ministry here at First Parish Church is a shared ministry. After eleven years, I continue to remain in awe of the dedication of so many of our lay leaders here at FPC.

Special thanks to all of our committee chairs, lay leaders, religious education teachers and Governing Board members for all the good work you did for *all* of us this church year. At our January gathering for lay leaders at Cedar Hill, many of us expressed deep gratitude for the beloved community we all work at creating together. What a privilege it is for me to serve a community of faith where folks share time, treasure and talents with such enthusiasm and such great love. My spiritual friends, I continue to be struck by the love and commitment of so many of you! The "abundance" we experience here at FPC does not happen automatically--as one of my favorite theologians Parker Palmer says, our abundance is indeed a "communal act."

Thank you so much for all you Have a wonderful summer filled with many moments of rest and renewal--you've earned it!!



Catherine

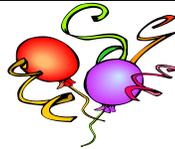
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Thank You

Thank you for all for the wonderful dinner and service in my honor. I truly felt thanked and appreciated. I hope to spend a lot of time in my beautiful chair and cape. Thank you for your generous donations. A special thanks to the Religious Education Committee who worked so hard on both the events. Thank you to everyone who came with such kind words. My life is blessed having been a part of this beloved community. Sunsue

Religious Education Sunday **"Balloon Sunday"**



Balloon Sunday was a wonderful celebration of our year together. Thanks to everyone who participated in the service and congratulations to all who received recognition.

A special **THANKS** to all the 7th and 8th grade youth who helped blow up balloons. **THANK YOU** to the members of our Hospitality Committee for providing such a great lunch.

Sunday, June 14 – Infant & Child Dedication Service

A dedication Ceremony will be held during the Worship Service on Sunday, June 14. Sunsue and Catherine will co-officiate. Parents, the church school and congregation will welcome the children and dedicate themselves to the important work of supporting parents in raising their child. Please contact Sunsue or Catherine if you would like your child dedicated at this service.



Our Labyrinth

Plans are underway to dedicate our Labyrinth after church on Sunday June 14th. This has been a wonderful project so many have participated in. What a wonderful way to end the year together.

Church School Registration

Thanks to everyone who took the time to register his or her children for next year. Those of you who have not registered, please mail in your registration forms as soon as possible. Members of the Religious Education Committee will be calling to remind those who have not yet registered. Remember it is important to register young people who will be attending the toddler area through the high school. In August we will be making important decisions as to which classes to run and which classrooms to use for each age group, so it is very important we have an accurate account of church school members before the fall.

Church School Curriculum

Church school leaders – Have you turned in your curriculum? Please bring your curriculum and any other materials used during church school to the RE office ASAP. Thanks!

Toddler Care and Childcare

Now that church school has ended, our RE space quickly turns into storage and sorting area for fair items. In the past, we have continued to offer toddler care through June, but due to safety reasons and fair needs, we will not be offering toddler care again until our program starts again in September. We encourage families with older children to stay in the service.

Women's Summer Solstice **Monday, June 22nd at 7:30p.m. in the Parlor**

MEMOIRS

With our Annual Summer Fair approaching, we have decided that our next Memoirs will be in September. We will be discussing **Gardening Memories**. Hope you can join us! **Leader: Jackie Smith-Miller.**



June & July Birthdays **Happy Birthday to All!**

June Birthdays

Sophie Worsh-Farnum	Emily Wagner
Cole Alexanderson	Roan Ryan
Madelyn Quinn	James Conner
Issac Ryan	Haley Nason-Stallings
Mae Nappellio	Anya Teehan
Kollin Holt	Katy Mullen
Haile Wagner	Ben Brandeis
Maranda Sorrenti	Marin Lloyd
Harper Weekly	

July Birthdays

Christian Sack	Sarah Lillys
Emilia Wagner	Griffin Wagner
Samuel Clifford	Julia Conner
Sophie Bulman	Iris Pevzner
Austin Carver	Gianna Abagoli
Cassie Burke	Gus Nappellio
Sam Brandeis	Lydia Chesley
Maya Zukawski	



Ringing Out Justice!

News of social justice activities at First Parish Church



Thank you from Head Start for the Box Project

The Head Start coordinator wrote to thank us and to describe how the Box Project has helped families. She wrote:

To believe each family has strengths to move in a positive direction is the basis for our work at Head Start. Your generosity and the trust that creates helps each family work toward this goal. This is how you helped four of our families.

- *Your gift of food, diapers and Stop and Shop gift cards (used to buy gas) have enabled one mother to complete a Medical Assistant program and to become employed.*
- *A family who has faced many challenges and traumas this year, such as the loss of the mother's mother and having to care for her ill father, are now ready to provide for their family independently.*
- *Parents who struggled with substance abuse, but have been sober for a year, with your contributions were able to care for their family, found employment, and are learning to make good decisions for their family.*
- *Due to your donations a mother, who has been in recovery for 5 years, could continue her work with addicts and care for her family. She has spoken to our staff during training on judgement and respect and received a standing ovation.*

This is the goal of the Box Project: to assist families through a period of need toward independence. Thanks goes to all who have participated in and supported this program.
Carrie Meier and the Social Justice Committee

UUA/UUSC Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund—*Special Collection June 14th

After a disaster in the USA or abroad, UUA/UUSC asks UUs to act on our UU Principles and values and meet immediate relief needs for those at risk. UUSC implements the relief funds and assists in the long-term recovery and sustainability of communities. UUSC seeks out local Partner organizations that serve people who are marginalized, ignored and/or forgotten during the rebuilding plans for the blighted areas. UUSC then works with these Partners to assure that they receive needed resources to restore lives and livelihoods.

In April 2015 UUA/UUSC established the **Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund** and assessed the humanitarian situation in Nepal. UUSC is supporting children and women's rights through new **UUSC Partners, Chetana and Tewa.**

Chetana, a teacher-run group, focuses on LGBTI students, girls, and children who are discriminated against based on their caste. UUSC will help Tewa distribute aid kits (medicine, solar lamps, shelter supplies); set up temporary classrooms for 150 students with supplies; provide one midday meal.

Tewa supports women's organizations in rural Nepal by promoting sustainable and social justice programs. With UUSC's support, Tewa will provide pre- and postnatal care; distribute clothing, food and shelter from rain in three makeshift camps; initiate a campaign on health and hygiene awareness; distribute water purifiers, masks, and tents; support a local maternity hospital.

In addition to working with these two partners, UUSC will pursue additional recovery work while monitoring the situation and needs in Nepal. UUSC brings hope and justice.. Please contribute on June 14. Visit: UUSC.org

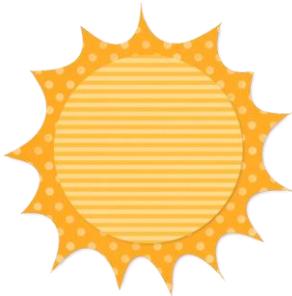
***Checks should be made out to FPC with Nepal on the memo line- we appreciate your generosity- Thank you, The Social Justice Committee**

Save the Date

August 15: Join us!

UU Urban Ministry *RENEWAL HOUSE* Picnic at Pinewood Lodge Campground in Plymouth (off Rt 44–Carver Rd) on Saturday August 15 from 10—5. Organized annually by Kingston UU with support from Duxbury UU, this is a fun-filled day getting to know Renewal House residents and their families. Come to picnic, swim, kayak, do crafts, and enjoy families who are overcoming domestic violence. Needed: your participation (families welcome!), food dishes (fruit/veggie salads, desserts), monetary contributions to Kingston UU Please let Sally Delisa, Nancy Nowak, Carol Nappellio, Donna Savicki or a SJC member know of your interest. delisasally@yahoo.com, nowakdux@gmail.com, petercarol1966@gmail.com

FRIDAY JUNE 12
FAIR SET-UP ALL DAY!
SATURDAY JUNE 13
SUMMER FAIR!!
SUNDAY JUNE 14
FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY
LABYRINTH DEDICATION
 Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.
 Worship 10:30a.m.
 Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30p.m.
MONDAY JUNE 15
 Bible Group 7:00p.m.
TUESDAY JUNE 16
 Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.
THURSDAY JUNE 18
 Historical Committee 9:30a.m.
 Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.
 Governing Board 7:00p.m.
FRIDAY JUNE 19
 BAY PLAYER PERFORMANCE
SATURDAY JUNE 20
 BAY PLAYER PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY JUNE 21
1st FISHERMAN'S SERVICE
8:00am
 Buddhist Group 5-6:30 p.m.
MONDAY JUNE 22
 Building Use Meeting 10:30a.m.
 Summer Solstice Ritual 7:30a.m.
 Bible Group 7:00p.m.
 PFLAG 7:30p.m.
TUESDAY JUNE 23
 Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.
THURSDAY JUNE 25
 Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.
 Capital Projects 7:00p.m.
SUNDAY MAY 31
FRIDAY JUNE 26
 BAY PLAYER PERFORMANCE
SATURDAY JUNE 27
 Community Table 9:00a.m.
 BAY PLAYER PERFORMANCE



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 **JUNE**, please contact **KATHY BRAY** at 781-837-8832 or email at kbray8832@aol.com.

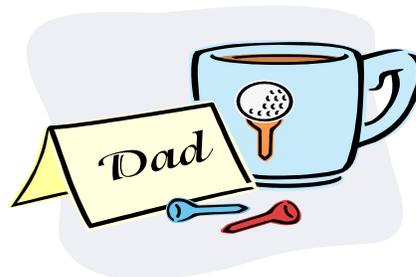


Minister's Office Hours:

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.

Church Office Hours

The FPC church office is open **Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** **We will be closing the office on July 2nd and will reopen on August 17th, 2015.** Our email address is uuduxbury@verizon.net. Have a Wonderful Summer Everyone!!



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)
 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 10:30 a.m. (4th Mon. each month)
 Finance Committee 7 p.m. (2nd Mon. each month)
 Bible Group every Monday 7:00pm
 Welcoming Congregation 7 p.m. (2nd Monday of each month)

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/Music 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)
 Capital Projects 7 p.m.
 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)

Happy
Father's
 Day

Interning Grace**“Thank You”, by Intern Minister Tom Bozeman**

In this, my final newsletter column, I would like to thank you all for contributing so much to my internship. Thank you for all the time that you contribute to this congregation. Whether you volunteer in the RE program, or sit on a (or a number of) committee(s), or are part of a small group ministry, or help out with church events or fundraisers, or help prepare for and/or attend Annual Meetings, or come to worship services on Sunday mornings, or participate in any number of the other wonderful things this congregation does that couldn't possibly fit in this column – thank you! Your contributions of that most limited resource – time – are what enliven this community.

Thank you for all the talent that you contribute to this congregation. Your contributions are not limited to merely being present – you also contribute of your talents in many ways. Whether offering your financial acumen or your wisdom about nonprofit management or your aesthetic sensibilities or your culinary skills or your way with words or your artistic brilliance or any number of other wonderful talents that couldn't possibly fit in this column – thank you! Your contributions of those unique reflections of your souls' callings – your talents – are what give form and movement to this community.

Thank you also for all the treasure that you contribute to this congregation. While your contributions of time and talent give this community body and motion, it is your treasure that puts power in that movement, that give it the ability to *accomplish*, to *do* in the world. The staff and resources marshaled with your generous financial contributions are what imbue this community with the motive force to make real our intentions.

Your beautiful gifts to this community did not only enable me to be here. Your gifts also created such marvelous experiences of congregational life for me to dive into and from which to learn. As I move through the rest of my ministerial career, I will forever be grateful to have gotten to be a part of this beauty that you have created.

Ordination of Tom Bozeman

The First Congregational Parish of Kingston and the First Parish Church of Duxbury joyfully invite you to celebrate the **Ordination of Tom Bozeman** to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. It will be held in the Harvey Assembly Hall on Sunday, **May 31 at 4pm**. The service will be multigenerationally-accessible, but – should you need it – we can also reimburse you for childcare. Simply speak with Rev. Catherine Cullen after the service on how to be reimbursed. The service will be led by Matt Meyer and will feature Hilary Allen, Rev. Catherine Cullen, Rev. Ed Hardy, Rev. Dan King, Rev. Jim Robinson, Rev. Mykal Slack, and Rev. Christana Wille-McKnight. The service will begin at 4pm. Clergy and seminarians are invited to arrive at 3:30 for optional robing and to process at the start of the service.

Worship Survey Completed; Results Being Analyzed

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank all the members and Friends of the Church for their tremendous cooperation in completing our recent survey of worship and music practices. We had 179 persons respond to the survey—nearly twice as many as participated in our last survey more than five years ago. We have so much rich data and comments to review and reflect upon, a process we have begun and will continue into the fall. Thanks to one and all for your help and support.

Included below are bar graphs showing how a sample of questions were answered. The entire results will be included when our new web site (currently under construction) is completed. Please take some time to review these results and feel free to comment to any members of our committee.

Thanks again.

Michael Gardner, On behalf of the Music and Worship Committee

Worship-Music Committee Survey on Sunday Morning Worship Services

Every four to five years the Worship Committee conducts a survey to assess the congregation's views and any concerns they have regarding how Sunday Morning Worship Services are conducted. In the past, these questionnaires tended to be quite general, asking what components of the services were most and least meaningful to our members and friends.

This year, the combined Worship/Music tried something a little different, asking very specific questions about a number of our worship practices, including possible alternate approaches to various elements of the services.

179 members and friends filled out this survey. This is an excellent response rate (many more than our last survey) and we are very grateful to all who responded.

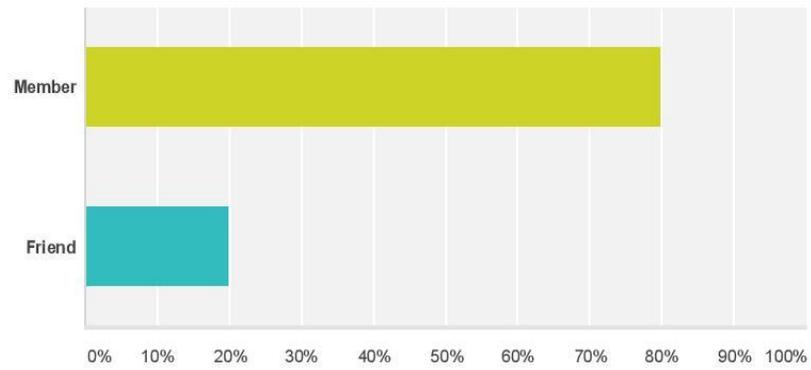
The following pages show the results in graphs and tables of this recently completed survey. Additional comments were also provided by those who responded to the survey. These voluminous responses are another key aspect of the survey that the Worship-Music committee will read through and assess in the coming weeks and months.

The results of this survey give us more concrete data for the Minister and the Worship Committee to use in planning future worship services. In the coming months we will keep the church community informed of any changes in worship or music that are made based on the congregational feedback from this survey.

The Worship-Music Committee
First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist, Duxbury
May 2015

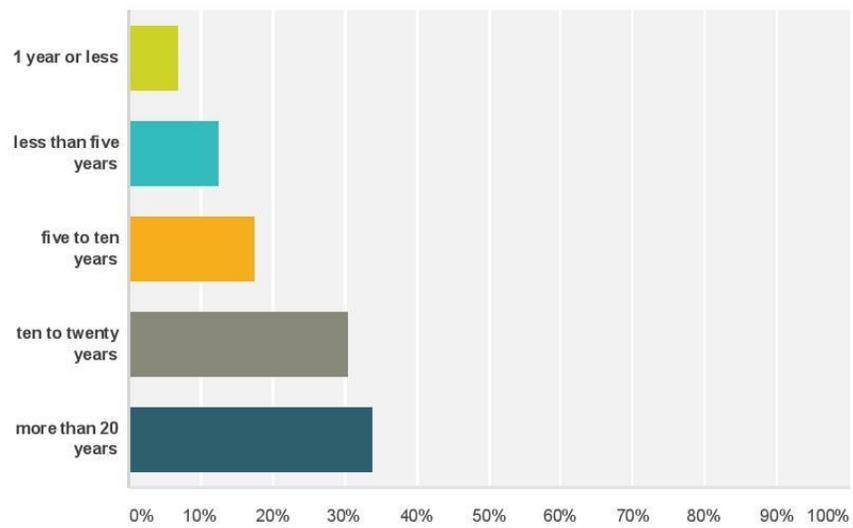
First Parish Church Duxbury, Worship-Music Committee Survey, 2015

Q1 Are you a Member or a Friend? Answered: 179 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Member	79.89%	143
Friend	20.11%	36
Total		179

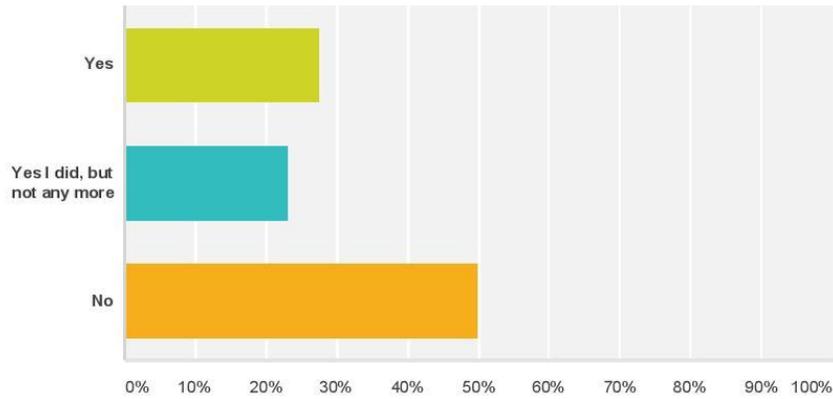
Q2 How long have you been attending services? Answered: 179 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
1 year or less	6.70%	12
less than five years	12.29%	22
five to ten years	17.32%	31
ten to twenty years	30.17%	54
more than 20 years	33.52%	60
Total		179

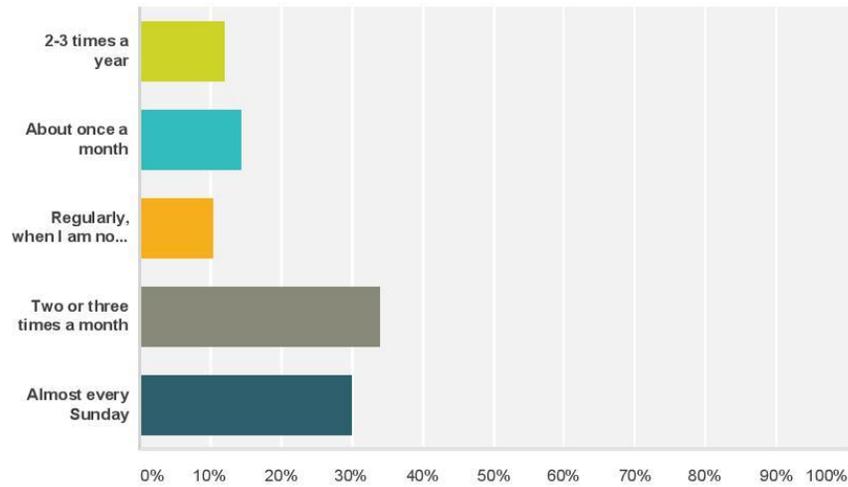
First Parish Church Duxbury, Worship-Music Committee Survey, 2015

Q3 Do you have children or grandchildren in the Church School? Answered: 179 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	27.37% 49
Yes I did, but not any more	22.91% 41
No	49.72% 89
Total	179

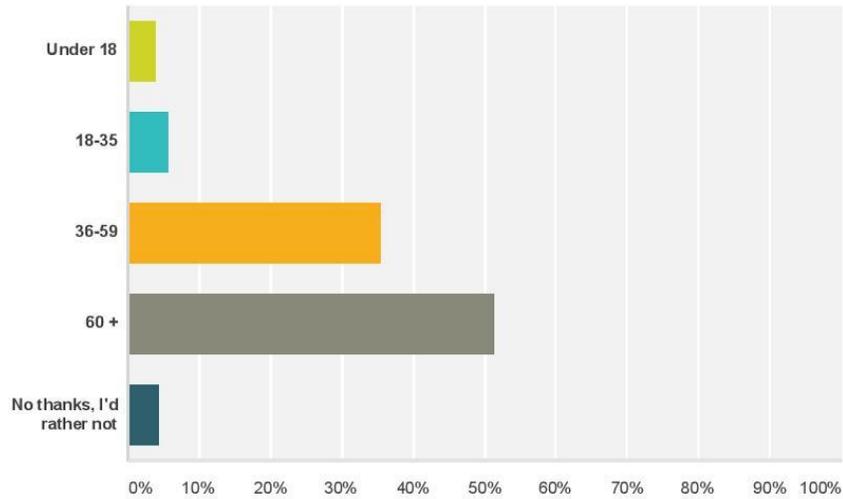
Q4 How frequently do you attend Sunday Morning Worship Services? Answered: 177 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
2-3 times a year	11.86% 21
About once a month	14.12% 25
Regularly, when I am not downstairs with the Church School	10.17% 18
Two or three times a month	33.90% 60
Almost every Sunday	29.94% 53
Total	177

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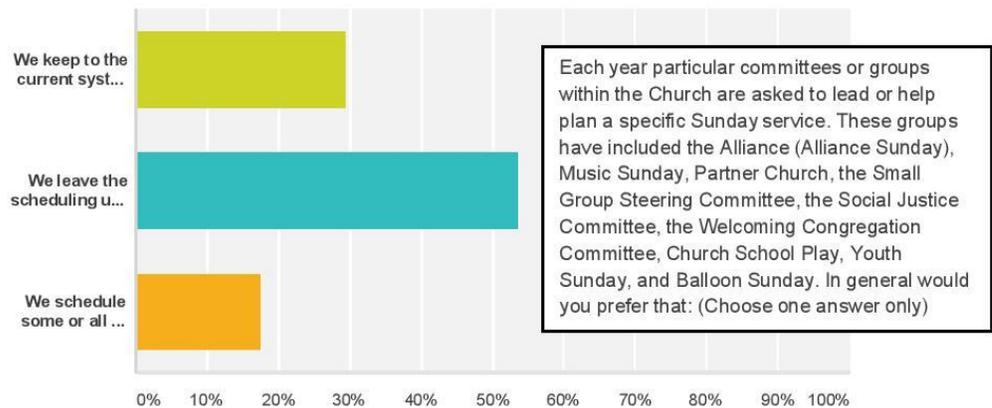
Q5 Would you be so kind as to share your approximate age with us? Answered: 164 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18	3.66% 6
18-35	5.49% 9
36-59	35.37% 58
60 +	51.22% 84
No thanks, I'd rather not	4.27% 7
Total	164

Q6 Services designed around a Particular Group or Committee in the Church

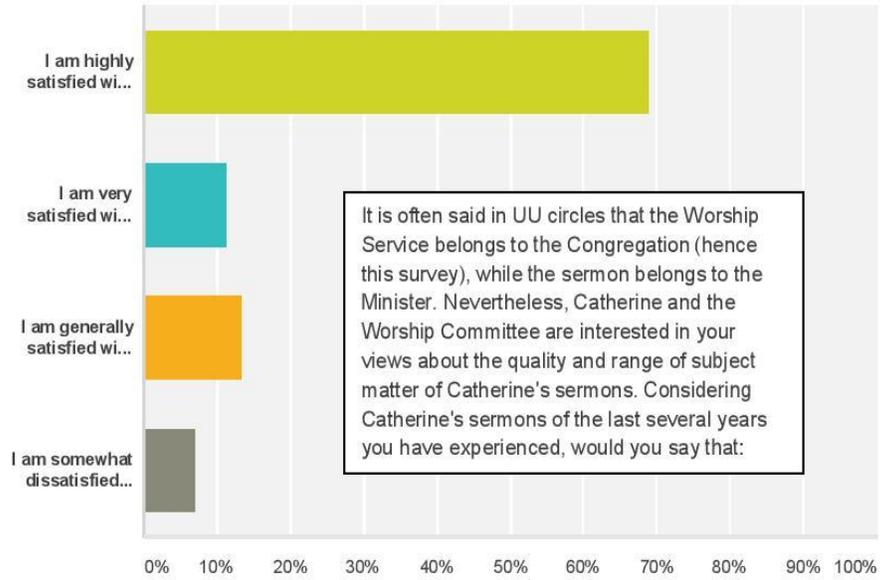
Answered: 144 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses
We keep to the current system, and schedule each of these committees for a Sunday service every year.	29.17% 42
We leave the scheduling up to the Minister and the Worship Committee, trusting that they will find balance and offer high quality services as opportunities present themselves.	53.47% 77
We schedule some or all of these groups/committees on an every-other-year schedule.	17.36% 25
Total	144

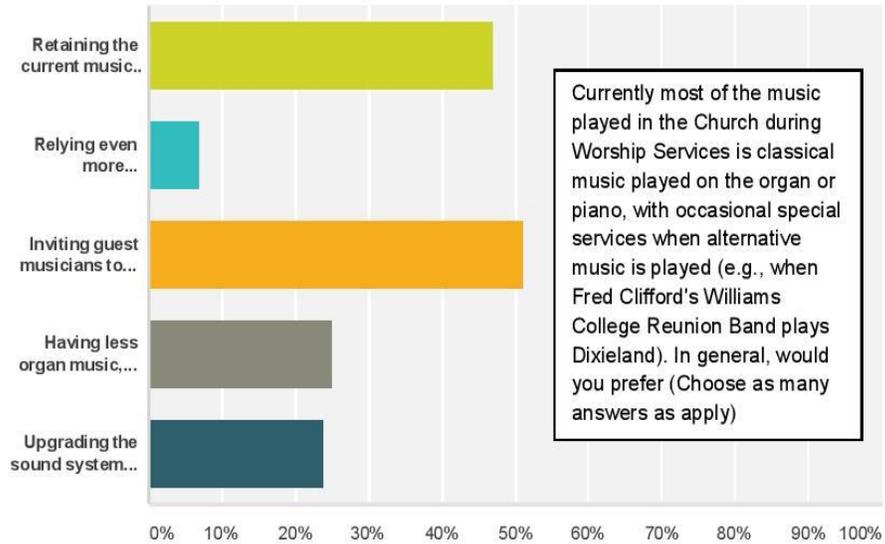
First Parish Church Duxbury, Worship-Music Committee Survey, 2015

Q7 Sermons Answered: 144 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses
I am highly satisfied with the quality of Catherine's sermons and find the range of topics she has addressed to be appropriate.	68.75% 99
I am very satisfied with the quality of Catherine's sermons, but feel the range of topics could be broadened (Comment below).	11.11% 16
I am generally satisfied with the quality of Catherine's sermons, but feel that their quality varies more than I would like.	13.19% 19
I am somewhat dissatisfied with the quality of Catherine sermons and/or the range of topics she chooses to address.	6.94% 10
Total	144

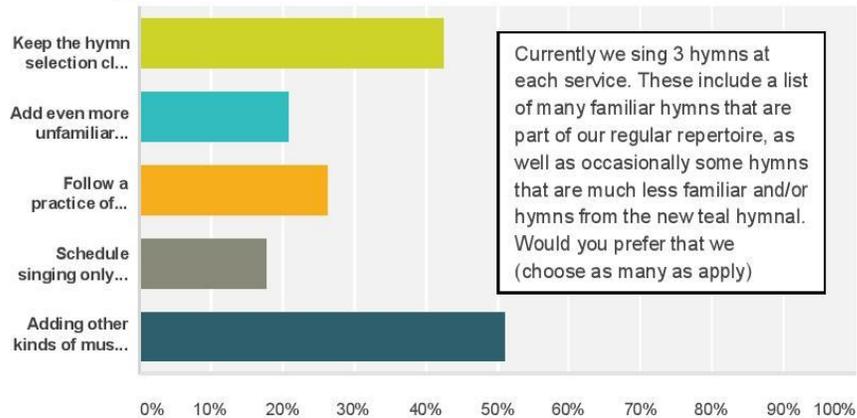
Q8 Music (other than hymns) Answered: 165 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Responses
Retaining the current musical program, emphasizing classical music from the Hymnal, supplemented with occasional guest musicians playing in other musical styles.	46.67% 77
Relying even more exclusively on classical piano and organ music, with alternative styles of music being played less frequently or not at all.	6.67% 11
Inviting guest musicians to play non-classical music without the organ more frequently, with an emphasis on a broader variety of musical styles	50.91% 84
Having less organ music, including perhaps an 'organ free' Sunday a month	24.85% 41
Upgrading the sound system to allow greater, more effective use of prerecorded music	23.64% 39
Total Respondents: 165	

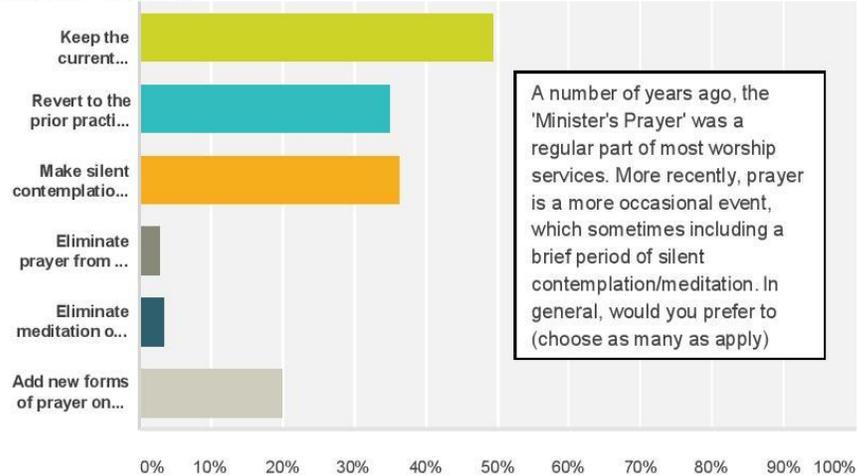
First Parish Church Duxbury, Worship-Music Committee Survey, 2015

Q9 Hymns Answered: 165 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Responses
Keep the hymn selection close to what our practice has been, relying on many familiar hymns, with new and/or unfamiliar hymns added on occasion.	42.42% 70
Add even more unfamiliar hymns, including more from the teal hymnal, with the Choir or Edwin giving us help in learning the new hymn whenever possible.	20.61% 34
Follow a practice of introducing an unfamiliar hymn that we might sing for 2-3 weeks in a row so that we might become more familiar and comfortable with it.	26.06% 43
Schedule singing only an opening and closing hymn, eliminating the middle hymn for some services, on occasion.	17.58% 29
Adding other kinds of music, including secular music, pop songs, and/or old standards to the music we sing, in lieu of hymns on occasion.	50.91% 84
Total Respondents: 165	

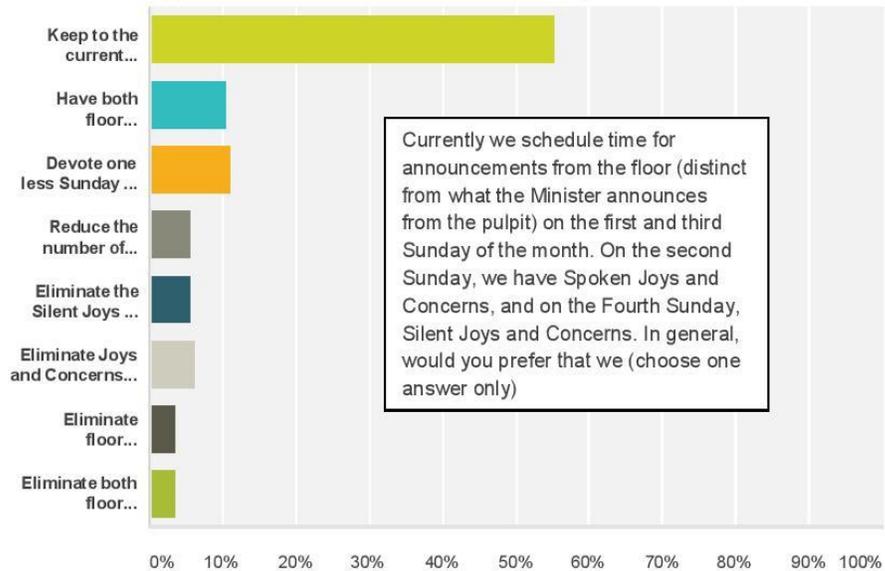
Q10 Prayer Answered: 152 Skipped: 27



Answer Choices	Responses
Keep the current practice of an occasional prayer, sometimes coupled with silent contemplation or meditation.	49.34% 75
Revert to the prior practice of a Minister's Prayer as a regular element of the worship service, including from time to time, a period of silent contemplation	34.87% 53
Make silent contemplation or meditation a regular part of most services	36.18% 55
Eliminate prayer from the worship service most of the time	2.63% 4
Eliminate meditation or silent contemplation from the worship services most of the time	3.29% 5
Add new forms of prayer on occasion, for example, chanting	19.74% 30
Total Respondents: 152	

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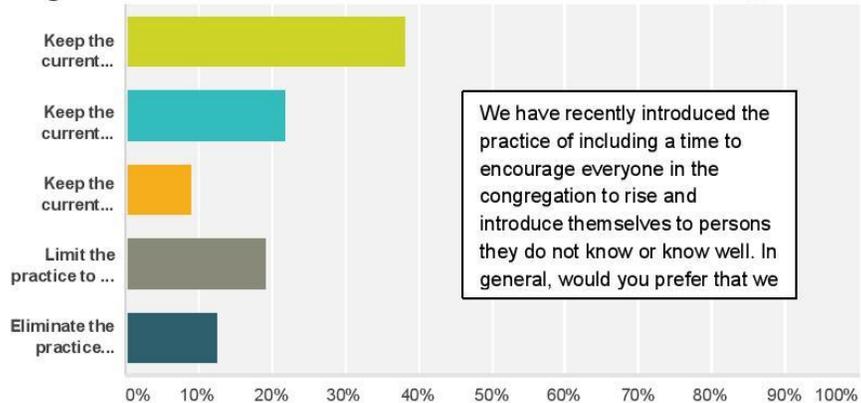
Q11 Announcements & Joys and Concerns Answered: 147 Skipped: 32



Currently we schedule time for announcements from the floor (distinct from what the Minister announces from the pulpit) on the first and third Sunday of the month. On the second Sunday, we have Spoken Joys and Concerns, and on the Fourth Sunday, Silent Joys and Concerns. In general, would you prefer that we (choose one answer only)

Answer Choices	Responses
Keep to the current schedule of alternating .Announcements and Joys and Concerns, with one week of silent Joys and Concerns	55.10% 81
Have both floor Announcements and Joys and Concerns every Sunday	10.20% 15
Devote one less Sunday to floor Announcements and add another Sunday of Joys and Concerns	10.88% 16
Reduce the number of Sundays when Joys and Concerns are scheduled to once a month	5.44% 8
Eliminate the Silent Joys and Concerns, and have two Spoken Joys and Concerns each month	5.44% 8
Eliminate Joys and Concerns altogether	6.12% 9
Eliminate floor Announcements altogether	3.40% 5
Eliminate both floor Announcements and Joys and Concerns altogether	3.40% 5
Total Respondents: 147	

Q12 Greeting Strangers or Those We Do Not Know Well Answered: 147 Skipped: 32

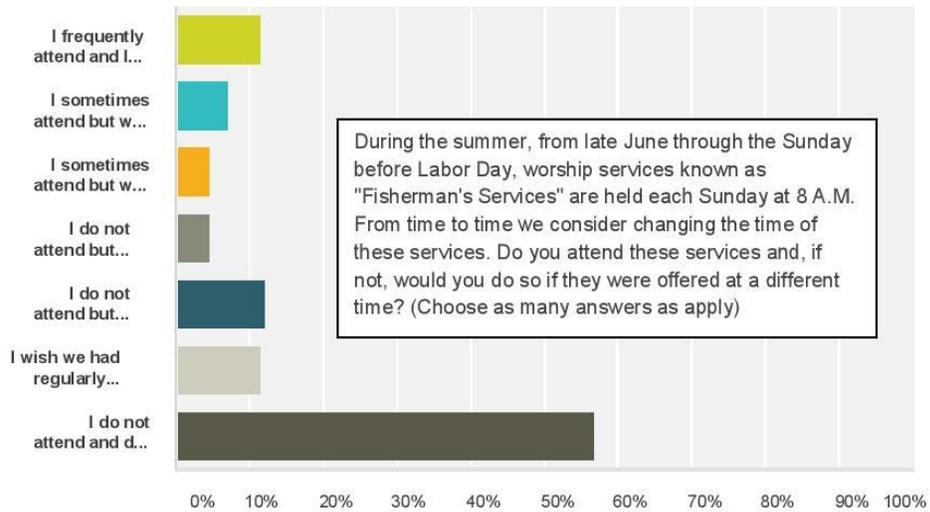


We have recently introduced the practice of including a time to encourage everyone in the congregation to rise and introduce themselves to persons they do not know or know well. In general, would you prefer that we

Answer Choices	Responses
Keep the current practice of making this invitation to the congregation at most services	38.10% 56
Keep the current practice, but shorten the time that it takes	21.77% 32
Keep the current practice, but encourage persons not to leave their pews, to minimize disruption	8.84% 13
Lim it the practice to a less frequent basis, perhaps once or twice a month	19.05% 28
Eliminate the practice altogether	12.24% 18
Total	147

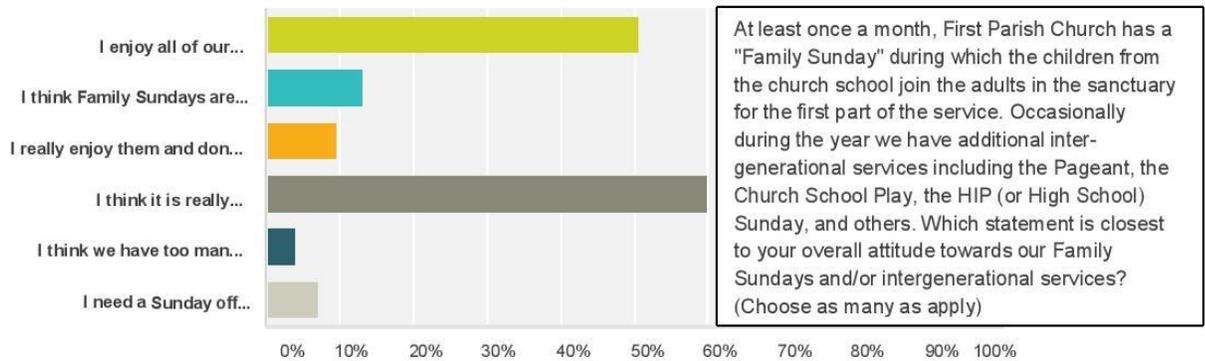
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Q13 Summer Services Answered: 159 Skipped: 20



Answer Choices	Responses
I frequently attend and like the 8 A.M. time	11.32% 18
I sometimes attend but wish the services were at 8:30	6.92% 11
I sometimes attend but wish the services were at 9:00	4.40% 7
I do not attend but would do so if the services were at 8:30	4.40% 7
I do not attend but would do so if the services were at 9:00 or later	11.95% 19
I wish we had regularly scheduled worship services at 10:30 throughout the year.	11.32% 18
I do not attend and do not think I would do so regardless of the time	56.60% 90
Total Respondents: 159	

Q14 Intergenerational Services and Family Sundays Answered: 161 Skipped: 18



Answer Choices	Responses
I enjoy all of our intergenerational worship and try not to miss any	50.31% 81
I think Family Sundays are fine but don't particularly care for the full-length services put on by the Church School.	13.04% 21
I really enjoy them and don't think we have enough.	9.32% 15
I think it is really important for all our generations to come together in worship	59.63% 96
I think we have too many of them.	3.73% 6
I need a Sunday off occasionally and the intergenerational services are usually the best to take off.	6.83% 11
Total Respondents: 161	



Congratulations to Polly Lanman!

Polly was recently honored by a **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** at the Duxbury Volunteer Dinner last week.
Way to go Polly!!



Front Pews in Sanctuary

The pews in the front left of the sanctuary have now been cleaned. Everything has been taken out. The missing pew will be restored and there will not be any more storage of items.



Alliance Asking for Old FPC Fair T-Shirts

Repurpose/Recycle your old FPC Fair Tee shirts. The Alliance needs your fair tee shirts from prior years for a new item to sell at future fairs. No torn or stained shirts please. Just drop into the marked box in the parlor. Thank you!



NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The new Church directory is available in the office!

If you are interested to become a member, please contact Rev. Catherine Cullen either by phone at 781-934-6532 or by e-mail therevcatherine@aol.com.



SUMMER FAIR NEWS!!

The **165th First Parish Church Summer Fair** will be held on **Saturday, June 13th from 8:30am to 2pm**. Volunteers and Donations are greatly needed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help sort donations, set up/break down the fair, and help sell goods and food on fair day. The Summer Fair is a great place to get to know your fellow UUs, help our church raise money, and become a part of our church history. To volunteer just a few hours or an entire day, please see/contact any of the people mentioned in this flyer or see our sign up table at coffee hour. WE NEED YOU!

Donations Needed!

*Donations can be dropped off at the church during business hours and Sundays before and after church. To schedule a pick-up of large items or furniture on **Haul Day, Saturday, June 6th**, please call Lenore at the church office. **DO NOT** place your donations in the church shed as it is currently being used for the Box Project. Please contact Summer Fair Chairs **Ruth Phillips Oakland - rpoakland@gmail.com (339) 933-3460 and Tracy Wagner - wagnertracy@comcast.net (781) 829-9670**, with any questions or if you have a donation that cannot wait.*

PLANTS: When thinning out your perennials, please consider donating extra plants to the Fair. Day lilies and Irises do not sell well, but all other perennials are welcome. If you have questions, need pots, or help dividing please contact Liz Christmann, alil2@comcast.net or [781-585-6107](tel:781-585-6107).

JEWELRY: Women's, men's, and children's jewelry including Gold, sterling silver, and precious gems, costume jewelry, watches, clean hair accessories, broken or single earrings, gold or sterling pieces and broken strings of beads, Jewelry boxes- all sizes, scarves (not winter scarves), pocketbooks and wallets in good condition, and small boxes for display of fine jewelry. Please, no winter scarves or other clothing items. Questions, contact Karen Sankey at kfsankey@gmail.com.

BOOKS: All books, both hardcover & paperback in good condition. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, mildewed or damaged books. For more information please contact Woodie & Elaine Lackey at asio525@gmail.com.

WHITE ELEPHANT: Household & Decorative goods that are clean and in good condition. Small kitchen appliances should be in working condition. No clothing or shoes. Please no TVs or computers. No coffee mugs with logos of any kind. Please - only clean linens in good condition. For more information, please contact Marilyn Christmann at mcwc@comcast.net.

AUCTION: Furniture in good, saleable condition. Please, no appliances of any type, television or television stands, treadmills, mattresses or heavy exercise equipment, couches of any type, and no stuffed or upholstered furniture of any kind unless in new condition. For more information, please contact Peter Nappellio at petercarol1966@gmail.com.

COLLECTABLES: All collectables in good, clean and saleable condition. Please, no broken or chipped dishes and or glass, no sharp objects such as razors, knives, or garden tools etc., and no

linen pieces items which are ripped, or torn. For more information please contact Gail Murphy, gsmurphy541@gmail.com .

SPORTING GOODS/TOOLS: All sporting goods and tools, pet items and gardening items. All items must be clean and in good condition. Please, no outdated electronics, computers, computer monitors, outdated televisions or heavy exercise equipment. For more information contact Karl Schweitzer at [wyoral-schweitzer@att.net](mailto:wyorol-schweitzer@att.net) .

CHILDREN'S WHITE ELEPHANT: Toys, games and puzzles in good, clean and saleable condition. Please, no car seats, cribs or videotapes. For more information, please contact Kathy Bray, kbray8832@aol.com , or Sharon Nabreski, snabreski@comcast.net .

BAKE TABLE: If you can bake items for fair day, please contact Heidi Connor at heidiconner@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Film Event! **All Are Invited!**

On **Wednesday, June 10th, at 7:30 pm** in the Harvey Assembly Hall, Edwin Swanborn will host a very special showing of the documentary film, *Shining Night, A Portrait of Composer Morten Lauridsen*. On music Sunday, the senior choir performed Lauridsen's piece, *Sure on this Shining Night*, based on the poem by James Agee.

Michael Stillwater finished the production of the documentary on Lauridsen's life in 2011 and it has since received numerous prestigious awards.

<http://mortenlauridsen.net/shining-trailers.html>

We hope you will join us on June 10th for what promises to be a joyous gathering!



"The only American composer in history who can be called a mystic, whose probing, serene work contains an elusive and indefinable ingredient which leaves the impression that all the questions have been answered"

-Nick Strimple, musicologist

(No need to sign up, simply come, bring friends and family and share the evening together)

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