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



JUNE 2017



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THE THEME FOR JUNE IS "JOY"

June 4th – "Guaranteed to Raise a Smile, Fifty Years with Sargent Pepper" -- 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.)

June 11th – "Where is Your Joy?" -- Our church-wide theme for June is "joy"---What brings you joy in your life? Is it possible to find joy even in difficult times?

June 18th -- "Flower Communion Sunday" 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 today.** (New Member Recognition Ceremony & Installation of our new Governing Board). This is also the last Regular Worship and Sun., June 25th will be the first Fisherman Service. See sign-up outside the office.

June 25th - 1st Fisherman's Service -- 8:00a.m. out on the patio! – Please join us for our first Fisherman's Service!

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JUNE 1

Book Club 9:00a.m.
Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.
Coffeehouse Group 7:00p.m.
Worship/Music 7:00p.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 2

Yoga 10:30-11:45a.m.
Committee on Ministry 5:00pm

SATURDAY JUNE 3

DIC First Parish Churchy 9:00a.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 4

ANNUAL MEETING – 9:30a.m.

Worship 9:00-9:30a.m.
Child Dedication 2:00p.m.
Buddhist Group 4:00 - 6:30p.m.

MONDAY JUNE 5

Growth Team 10:00a.m.
Welcome Congregation 7:00p.m.

TUESDAY JUNE 6

Small Group 10:00a.m.
RE Meeting 7:00p.m.
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

Building & Grounds 9:00-11:00a.m.

THURSDAY JUNE 8

Book Club 9:00a.m.
Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.
Small Group 11:00a.m.
Staff Cruise 11:00a.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 9

Yoga 10:30 – 11:45a.m.

SATURDAY JUNE 10

HAUL DAY

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Well, it's that time of year--our church becomes a beehive of activity as we all get ready for the **MAIN EVENT** of our **SUMMER FAIR** -----clean out those attics and basements, volunteer to spend a few hours helping out--our Summer Fair really is our most fun activity of the church year!

Then right after the Summer Fair, renovation of our "garden level" (aka "church basement") will begin. When we return for Ingathering in September, this space will look amazing. **Thanks to all the folks at FPC who are making this "renovation dream" come true!!**

And over the course of the summer, our organ restoration contractors will be completing *their* work. We have tentatively scheduled a **FIELD TRIP** on August 19th to go visit our beloved organ and get a first-hand view of this restoration work---more later about this fun bus trip.

As if that's not enough "summer excitement," once again our "Duxbury Beach Sunset Supper Club" will resume on Tuesdays (beginning July 13th)—bring your supper, a beach chair and some conversation as we all enjoy the sunset—we meet on the bayside at 5:30 ish (transportation over the Power Point Bridge provided for those who do not have a beach sticker)

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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

Ruth Owen, Interim Director of Religious Education

Edwin Swanborn, Music Director

Elaine Stephansky, Bell Choir Director

Alex Pevzner, Jr., Junior Choir Director

Rev. Robert R. Walsh, Minister Emeritus

Jackie Smith-Miller, Director of Religious Education, Emerita

Sunsue Fleming, Director of Religious Education, Emerita

Lenore O'Malley, Church Administrator

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And as always, Sunday worship in the summer moves outdoors to our patio for Fisherman's Services....

So, there's a whole lot going on at FPC this summer---***and*** the weather is beginning to get warmer and it feels as if summer is approaching---***finally!*** In the words of the great Gershwin tune "*Summertime*," we are fast approaching the delightful time of year when "the livin is easy"---**or at least that is the intent of summertime.** But so often is our busy, fast-paced, overscheduled and digitalized lives, the "livin" is anything but "*easy*," even in the sweet days of summer.

Our church-wide theme for June is **JOY**—

MAY YOU KNOW MANY MOMENTS OF THE SHEER JOY OF "EASY LIVIN" THIS SUMMER—MAY YOU RETURN TO YOUR CHURCH HOME IN SEPTEMBER AS REFRESHED AND RENEWED AS OUR ORGAN & OUR NEW GARDEN LEVEL SPACE!!

PS New to FPC? Is FPC feeling like "home" for you? There's still time to sign our Membership Book and be included in our New Member Welcome! Contact Catherine (TheRevCatherine@aol.com)

Catherine



HIP Youth Group Trip to West Virginia

I am happy to report that all nine youth and four adult volunteers who went on the mission trip to War, WV over spring break have returned safe and sound and changed by the experience. First I want everyone to personally thank our wonderful volunteers Steve Cunningham, Ted, Lillys, Laura Howerton and Cindy Ladd Fiorini who accompanied our youth on the trip.

We will be offering a slide show and some of the youth will be in coffee hour on April 30 to talk about their experiences. Please take the opportunity to speak with them.

This was FPC's second opportunity to partner with Big Creek People in Action, a community based group in War, WV. It was especially meaningful for those youth and adults who returned for the second time. We are building real relationships with the organization and the people in the community. We talked about what we can do in the future to involve younger children in projects for Big Creek People in Action to solidify the relationship further and build anticipation for when they are old enough to make the trip.

War is located in McDowell County, the poorest in West Virginia. It has been poor for a long time. John F. Kennedy campaigned there in 1960 and promised to send help if he was elected president. Even today, though, McDowell County is a place truly left behind. The educated few have fled, leaving almost no shreds of prosperity. Today, fewer than one in three McDowell County residents are in the labor force. Nearly 47 percent of personal income in the county is from Social Security, disability insurance, food stamps and other federal programs. The only sign of economic life is the building of two new prisons but many local residents cannot qualify for jobs there because they cannot pass the required drug tests. Clearly this is a very different world than our youth are accustomed to. And, yet, McDowell County is America too, just like Duxbury.

In so many ways I think our kids get more out of these trips than the people we are there to help. If we truly take our first principle, the inherent worth and dignity of all people, seriously we have to know those whose lives are different from ours. So, thank you to everyone who supported our trip. It was, I know, life changing for our kids.

Ruth Owen, Interim Director of Religious Education





Ring Out Justice!

News of Social Justice Activities at First Parish Church

Social Justice Committee Members:

Carrie Meier, Carol Nappellio, Peter Nappellio, Callie Brandeis, Andrea Brandeis, Mary Flanagan, Donna Savicki, Cindy Wilson, Bob Hughes, Nancy Nowak, Sally Delisa, Cindy Ladd-Fiorini, Troy Riley, Bella Santorini (HIP Representative), Nancy Landgren, Molly Bogan, Liza Ward, Eleanor McGonagle, & Ellen Herling

Meeting: second Sundays 12 noon to 1 PM

Please Join Us! All Welcome!



Thank you from a Box Project Family

Please know I am deeply grateful for all who have participated in the Box Project either through helping a family on a monthly basis, or through buying Christmas presents or through giving us funds to buy very much needed clothing. This would never work without the help of each of you.

A family wrote to express their gratitude.

Dear Friends,

How I anticipate my pick-up day for my 'care package.' It is such a blessing to know that help is on the way. Thank you for everything that was given to us.

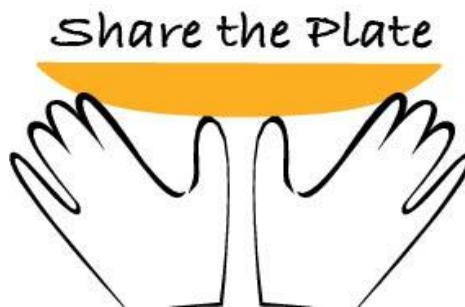
Thank you for your faithfulness to my family. We have had a difficult time this year and you have helped us as we try to provide for our children. I do not know how I would have dealt with the problems without you.

You have helped me learn to trust others by your consistent support. You have given me hope for the future.

Bless you all!

Faithfulness, trust, hope, generosity: these are all values that you have proved to be of so much worth, values that you hold dear. Thank you!

Carrie Meier and the Social Justice Committee



Share The Plate News

This year Share the Plate raised \$11,540 for great organizations that further social justice in our world.

Nominate your family's favorite cause to receive a Share the Plate collection next church year. Find forms on our website (Committees and Leadership>Social Justice) or in the pamphlet rack outside the office.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST URBAN MINISTRY

UU URBAN MINISTRY RENEWAL HOUSE PICNIC — AUGUST 12

The UU Urban Ministry Renewal House Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 12th at Pinewood Lodge in Plymouth. The Picnic, hosted annually by Kingston UU with support and participation of Duxbury and Plymouth UU's, is a highlight for Renewal House guests, alums and their children who are domestic violence survivors. It's ALWAYS a FUN TIME of fellowship and building relationships!

YOU can help and participate! Sign up at the FPC Bulletin Board:

****Make salads or side dishes (need 5 to serve 10-12),**

****Make finger desserts (need 5 of 2-3 dozen);**

****Send a donation to First Congregational Parish, 233 Main St, Kingston, 02364; if a check, put RH Picnic in For line.**

****COME TO THE PICNIC on August 12th! Enjoy this special day!**

Questions? Contact SJC members or Nancy Nowak – nowakdux@gmail.com

UUA / UUSC DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE

At this extraordinary time in our nation's history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society.

In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations.

And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil.

As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us.

We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice.

The time is now.

Almost 15,000 UUs and 415 UU congregations have signed the Declaration of Conscience (DoC). If you wish to do so, google *UUSC Declaration of Conscience*, sign, and submit. To learn more about the meaning of the DoC go to *Facebook / UUSC / Video* and look for video: "*We commit to translate our values into action.*"

Questions? *Contact Carrie Meier, Carol Nappellio, or Nancy Nowak, FPC's rep to UUSC*

Study Group

The Social Justice Committee has begun a study group to look at the issues around sanctuary. In the broadest sense it revolves around immigration, and refugees. We are in the process of educating ourselves in order to partner with other groups and organizations to provide support and advocacy.

If you are interested in learning more about our efforts, we welcome your interest and ideas. Stop by the Social Justice table or email eleanor9785@gmail.com

SUNDAY JUNE 11

Social Justice 9:15a.m.
 Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.
 Worship 10:30a.m.
 Buddhist Group 5:00 – 6:30p.m.

MONDAY JUNE 12

SSHAGLY 7:00-9:00p.m.

TUESDAY JUNE 13

Small Group 10:00a.m.
 Memoirs 7:15p.m.
 Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14

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

THURSDAY JUNE 15

Book Club 9:00a.m.
 Historical Committee 9:30
 Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.
 Governing Board 7:00p.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 16

FAIR SET-UP ALL DAY!

SATURDAY JUNE 17

SUMMER FAIR!! 8:30-2:00p.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 18

FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.
 Worship 10:30a.m.
 Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30p.m.

THURSDAY JUNE 22

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

FRIDAY JUNE 23

Yoga 10:30-11:45a.m.
 Bay Player Performance 8:00p.m.

SATURDAY JUNE 24

Community Table
 Bay Player Performance 8:00p.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 25

1st FISHERMAN'S SERVICE
8:00am

Buddhist Group 5-6:30 p.m.

MONDAY JUNE 26

PFLAG 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
 SSHAGLY 7:00-9:00p.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 30

OFFICE CLOSING FOR SUMMER
12:00 NOON

Wedding Rehearsal 5:30p.m.
 Bay Player Performance 8:00p.m.

**CARING CONNECTION:**

There are many caring members of our church community who are willing to lend a hand to those having a difficult time! The Caring Connection can coordinate meals, transportation, babysitting or visits to shut-ins. For the month of **JUNE**, please contact **LIZ CONNORS** at 781-934-2560 or email at liz.connors@verizon.net.

**Minister's Office Hours:**

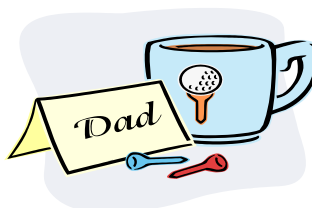
Catherine's regular office hours are **Mon., Wed., and Thur.** from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Tuesdays are her days off and Friday's are her sermon writing days. She may be contacted by cell at (781) 635-5906. If you need to schedule an appointment during office hours or any time after office hours, please 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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** and **Tuesdays 8:30-11:30am.** Please call Lenore, **781-934-6532** or email at uuduxbury@verizon.net if you need anything.

**Office Closing for Summer!**

We will be closing the office on **June 30th at 12:00 noon** and will reopen on **Monday, August 14th, 2017.** *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)
 Music Committee (1st Sun. each month) 12 p.m.
 Social Justice 9 a.m. (2nd Sun. each month)
 Buddhist Meditation 5-6:30p.m. (weekly)

MONDAYS – Building Use 10 a.m. (4th Mon. each month)
 Finance Committee 7 p.m. (2nd Mon. each month)
 Welcoming Congregation 7:00pm (2nd Monday of each month)
 PFLAG – 7:30-9:00pm (4th Monday of each month)

TUESDAYS - Hand Bells 7 p.m.
 Memoirs 7:15p.m. (2nd Tues. each month)
 Communications 7:00pm (2nd Tuesday of every 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” 10:00 -11:30 a.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)
 Alliance Luncheons 12:30pm (3rd Thurs. each month)
 Governing Board 7 p.m. (3rd Thurs. each month)
 Historical Committee 9:30a.m. (3rd Thurs. of each month)

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

SATURDAYS – Community Table 9:15 a.m. (4th Sat. each month)

Happy
Father's
 Day

**ALLIANCE NEWS****Next Memoirs**

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 13th, 7:15pm – Marion Fletcher Room.**

Our topic for June will be: ***“The Story Behind a Picture/Photo”***.

If you are interested, but have never participated, feel free to come and just listen. Hope you can join us! **Leader: Jackie Smith-Miller.**



Alliance Luncheon -- 3rd Thursday of the Month
June 15th, 12:30 noon in the Parlor

This month's lunch is on us! Pizza and salad will be served at 1:00p.m. following a morning of Fair Preparation projects. (Pricing, ironing, etc.) There's lots to do and many hands will make light work so we hope you'll join us for some fun & fellowship.

10:00-1:00pm - Preparing & Pricing for our Summer Fair

1:00pm - **PIZZA WILL BE SERVED**

FRIDAY – JUNE 16th

2:00-5:00pm – Set up for Summer Fair

SATURDAY – JUNE 17th

8:30 – 2:00pm – SUMMER FAIR



SUMMER FAIR NEWS!!

The 166th First Parish Church Summer Fair will be held on Saturday, June 17th 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 10th**, 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 Chair 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.

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 Cindy Wilson, cindywilson62@verizon.net.

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 Marilynn Christmann at mcwc@comcast.net.

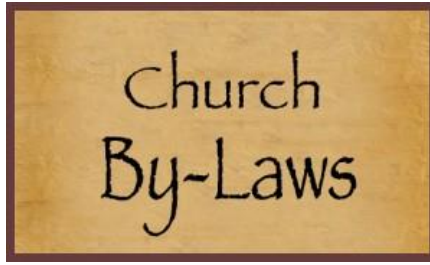
AUCTION: Furniture in good, saleable condition. Please, no appliances of any type, television or television stands, treadmills, mattresses or heavy exercise equipment, couches of any type, and no stuffed or upholstered furniture of any kind unless in new condition. For more information, please contact Jim Hamilton thehamiltonfamily@verizon.net.

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 19 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.

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: NEED A BAKE CHAIR!! If you can bake items for fair day, please contact Tracy Wagner, wagnertracy@comcast.net.



CHURCH BYLAWS

The Bylaws Task Force will offer several changes to the existing bylaws during the Annual Program Meeting:

- The Cell Program Grant Committee established by Parish vote at the 2016 Program Meeting will be added as an Elected Committee.
- There are also proposals relating to the duties of the Clerk as well as the Membership Committee. In both cases, proposed amendments will bring our bylaws into agreement with current practice.
- Streamlining led to proposed changes in descriptive language for Communications and Fellowship, two Appointed Committees.
- YADUUDE's will move from Appointed Committee status to Affiliated Organizations.

If you would like to review the bylaws with these proposed changes highlighted, please email a request for an electronic copy to Lenore at uuduxbury@verizon.net. Print copies will also be available in the office.



Fisherman's Services

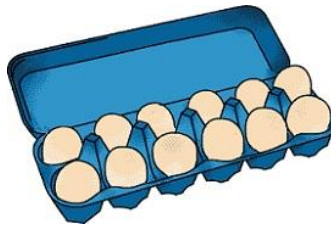
Fisherman's services will begin on **Sunday, June 25th** at **8:00am!**



Note from the Treasurers

Are you wondering where you stand on your current year (FY17) pledge? Letters are going out this week only to those who have a balance on their pledge. So, if you don't get a letter on blue paper, then you can assume that you are paid up! If you want confirmation or have any questions, just send an email to Amy Hamilton at theHamiltonFamily@verizon.net . So far we have collected 82% of the amount pledged for the fiscal year that ends on June 30th.

If you haven't yet pledged toward our FY18 operating budget it is not too late! You can pledge online at www.uudux.org/pledge or simply email Amy Hamilton. As of May 24th, we have 112 pledges totaling \$164,422. This is about \$18,000 less than last year so if you haven't pledged please consider it! The good news is that we have received 12 new pledges! On the other hand, there are about a dozen people who pledged last year but have not yet pledged for FY18. Thank you to all who have pledged!



Local Free Range Eggs

Local Free Range Eggs from Happy Hens-Our chickens are laying too many eggs! Let us know if you'd like some (\$3/doz.). Volume discount available ☺. We are happy to bring them to you at church. Contact heidiconner@hotmail.com or call 781-582-1187.



Save the Date:
Harp and Cello Concert at FPC on Aug. 4

The Parsa Duo, a harp and cello ensemble, will play a concert in our sanctuary on Friday evening, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. The performers are Elizabeth Remy Johnson, who is the principal harpist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and Dale Henderson, a cellist based in New York City. For more information, visit their Facebook page, the website dalehendersonmusic.com, or listen to them on YouTube. More information will be available later through this newsletter and on the church website and Facebook page.