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The Sloop's Log

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Newsletter of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate

Worship Celebrations

All services begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Children and youth begin in the sanctuary with the adults to share in the opening of worship, and then leave with their teachers for Religious Education. Nursery care is available upstairs for children over 18 months, but children are welcome to remain with parents.

Sunday February 5th *Bring Your Vision to Church this Sunday!*

Vision without action is merely a dream.

Action without vision just passes the time.

Vision with action can change the world." -Joel A. Barker

This Sunday during our regular worship time, we'll take a big step toward identifying a vision for our church. Please be there to share your dreams and insight! Hearing everyone's voice is the key to creating a representative and inspirational vision statement for our church. Speak to a member of the Steering Committee if you have ideas, questions, or thoughts. See you then!

- The MVTSC (Billy Timmins, Alma Morrison, Ellen Isley, and Ann Svensen)

The choir will sing "*I've Got Peace Like a River*".

Carol Sullivan-Hanley and Carey Eyerly are the greeters. The flowers are given by Lisa Lewis in memory of Rich Lewis. Meg Moncy, Rita Heidemann, and Suzanne Oliver will be hosting the coffee hour.

Sunday February 12th - Rev. Karen McArthur, guest preacher

Since 1996, Karen McArthur has specialized in financial management for churches and faith communities, integrating her skills and study in math, economics, and theology. Following her education at Wellesley College and Harvard Divinity School (where she and Pamela Barz shared an apartment), she was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1987 and has provided pastoral leadership for five New England congregations, most recently focusing on turnaround interim ministry. Her ministry is based at First Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, UCC, where she serves as Minister of Stewardship and Finance. Pamela Barz will lead the service with her.

The choir will sing "*Put a Little Love in Your Heart*".

The DaSilva family are the greeters. The flowers will be given by Alma Morrison. We are in need of people to host the coffee hour.

Following the service, you are invited to share ideas with one of our church committees at our monthly **Committee Sunday**. Supervision and snacks for children will be offered while adults and youth are invited to share ideas and refreshments with the committees of the church.

Sunday February 19th *True Love*

On the Sunday after Valentine's Day we will share a **chocolate communion** and reflect on love. Pamela Barz will lead this multi-generational service.

The McGuinness family are greeting and giving the flowers. William Clark Jr. will host the coffee hour.

Sunday February 26th *Songs of Slavery, Songs of Freedom*

Howard Mathews and some musical friends will lead the singing of music from the tradition of African American spirituals, and Pamela Barz will reflect on what that tradition offers today.

The choir will sing "*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*".

We are in need of people to host coffee hour, bring flowers, and greet.

Ministries of Hospitality

There are many opportunities for ministry each Sunday as we greet, create space for conversation, and add color to our worship. Please sign up to serve on the signup sheet in the Sloop Room, or online at the following: Help **drive** someone to church: contact the church office at 781-545-3324 or firstparishscituate@verizon.net

Sign up to be a Greeter: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094baea92e5-greeters1/>

Sign up to bring flowers for the communion

table: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094baea92e5-sunday/>

Sign up to host coffee hour: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094baea92e5-coffee>

From the Minister

Fifty, 15, and 55. Hold those numbers in your mind as you envision the future ministry of First Parish.

Fifty is the number of adults and children who stood outside on Sunday January 29, standing with refugees, while our bell rang.

Fifteen is the number of adults and children who made felted animals, trees, and coasters at the first evening craft group on January 25.

And fifty five is the approximate number of children and youth participating in our religious education program.

A vision isn't a pie-in-the-sky dream. It's based in our strengths. And those numbers indicate our strengths:

- We are a community that cares passionately about the world, near and far, and is looking for ways to act out that care;
- We have a lot of musical and artistic ability – more than I have seen in any other congregation I have served. Those talents are already being used in our worship and in our ministries of craft groups and coffeehouses – how might we build on it more?
- We have a vibrant religious education program, one of the largest among the UU churches on the South Shore and among the Protestant churches in Scituate.

I am excited to see where our visioning will lead!

See you in Church,
Pamela

Minister's Schedule

Pamela Barz will be away at a family gathering Friday February 3 – Saturday February 11. During that time, Stephanie Shutes Kelsch, the minister of 2nd Parish in Hingham, will be available if you need to speak with a minister. You can reach her at: 781-749-7177(cell) or skskshing4@comcast.net. In addition, our Caring Coordinators, Julianna Dunn and Tracey Timmons are available with support for food and visits.

After February 12, Pamela Barz will be available for appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Tuesday is her day off. You can reach her at pamela.merrill.barz@gmail.com or 781-412-4233.



Religious Education

Winter Session Overview (K-8)

January 8th-March 19th, the Sunday morning RE classes continue their study of Unitarian Universalist Identity.

Grades K-2, taught by Tracey Timmins and Julianna Dunn, uses the *Storybook UU* curriculum, which includes lessons about love, gratitude, individuality, care and respect for others, and the web of life.

Grades 3-5, taught by Jen Bokavich and Spencer Howe, started the UU social justice curriculum *In Our Hands*, covering topics including peace, justice, self-affirmation, respect, and creative conflict resolution.

Grades 6-8, taught by Brian and Patty Sutton, continue to look at the important topics of social justice and civil disobedience as seen through the lens of Unitarian Universalism.

Upcoming:

Sunday, February 5

Grades K-5 - UU quilter Helen Soini will visit the K-5 classes to talk about quilts. She will bring a number of small quilts that she has hand-sewn for doll beds, and will teach a quilt craft with Julianna Dunn. This ties into this week's story about quilts and family history.

Grades 6-8 - Engaging the World

Sunday, February 12

Grades K-2 - Celebrate intergenerational friendships and kindness.

Grades 3-5 - Continuing discussion on peace and justice.

Grades 6-7 - Breaking the Law

Grade 8 (Coming of Age) - discussing Unity and Diversity. They will meet their mentors for the first time. Start in Old Sloop Room, not Sanctuary.

Sunday, February 19

Multi-generation. All ages are invited for service in the sanctuary.

Sunday, February 26

One Room School House "Art and Being a UU" activities. Grades K-7, and Youth Group invited. Adults, prepare to be jealous! Grade 8 - Writing Your Credo. Start in Old Sloop Room, not Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 5

Court of Honor event to celebrate Burak Laciner achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at 2:00pm.

SciCohRock Senior Youth Group

On January 27-29 the Youth Group held a CON (conference), at First Parish Church in Norwell. It was a full-capacity success, with youth from around southeast Massachusetts and Rhode Island!

Saturday, February 4

Ice-skating outing, 2 pm-4 pm, Connell Memorial Rink/Pool. 220 Broad Street, Weymouth. Skate rentals \$5.

Sunday, February 5

Cancelled. (Some sports event taking place in Houston to watch.)

Sunday, February 19

Meeting, Channing Church, Rockland

Sunday, March 5

Meeting, Scituate

Future Youth Group Leaders Needed

We are looking for one or two adults who might be interested in being involved with the Senior Youth Group next year to work with Michael and Veronica this spring to find out what it's all about. We aren't looking for an immediate commitment, so please contact us if you are curious about working with this great group of teens.

Host a Pizza/Movie Night

We are also looking for two volunteers to help with an all ages "Saturday Pizza and Movie Night" some time in March.

Love and Kindness, Brian & Patty Sutton and the RE Committee

We are a nation of immigrants, a quilt of many colors, and we've managed over more than two centuries to create a way of life that allows for a reasonable degree of upward mobility, that prizes individual liberty, promotes freedom of religion and genuinely values equal rights for all citizens.

Jay Parini

Church Matters



Notes from Beth Dubuisson

Choir Session Four continues Feb 5-19

Our choir anthems:

Feb. 5th: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Feb. 12th: *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*

Feb. 19th: (no anthem this week)

Choir Session Five: Feb. 26-April 16th.

Come sing with us for the next choir session! No music reading necessary. The "No commitment choir" idea is to commit for a session to learn those songs and sing every Sunday during that session.

Feb. 26th: *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

Howard Mathews will join Pam Barz and me to lead a worship service including many spirituals.

Looking ahead: There will be a special gathering Sunday March 12th 3:00 p.m. at First Parish Norwell. The choirs from the U.U churches of Norwell, Scituate, Cohasset, First and Second Parish churches Hingham will join together in an anthem.

Blue Boat Coffeehouse: Saturday evening February 11th. 6:00-9:00. Come hear local talent! This event supports Scituate STEAM Collaborative. More information our our web site. www.firstparishscituate.org

Notes from the Parish Committee

February 12th Is Committee Sunday!

All committees (except for the Parish Committee, the Committee on Ministry, and the Endowment Committee) will meet at the church from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday February 12th (**Those standing vigil for refugees will do so from 12:00 to 12:15 and come back inside for meetings.**) Childcare will be available. If you are not currently on a committee, now's a great time to get involved. Committee Sunday are a regular event on the second Sunday of each month, enabling all of us to connect and engage in new ways.

Opportunities for Spiritual Deepening

Monday Night Meditation

Practice listening to silence on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights during "Monday Night Meditation" at the church from 7 -8:30 p.m. February sessions are on Mondays 2/13 and 2/27. All are welcome. Email Brian or Patty Sutton with any questions at brsutton@hotmail.com or pattysutton@gmail.com.

Tea with the Minister

Thursdays February 16th and March 16th
21 Ann Vinal Road

Stop by any time between 4 and 5:30 p.m. for tea, cookies and conversation. All ages welcome!

Union Sunday March 12 - Singing for the Earth

For the last thirty years or so, the congregations of First Parish Scituate, First Parish Cohasset, First Parish Norwell, and Old Ship and Second Parish Hingham have celebrated their historic connections by joining together for a worship service on a Sunday in March. But this year, we are trying something new! Rather than gather on a Sunday morning, the congregations of all five churches are invited to gather for **an afternoon of singing and action** focused on our care for the earth. **Fred Small, a UU minister and well-known folksinger** will lead the program. There will be activities for children, opportunities for connection with members of the other congregations, and of course refreshments. The First Parish in Norwell will host this program on **Sunday March 12, 3-4:30 p.m.** Mark your calendar now!

Spirit Sunday February 26: Spirit in Practice: Body Practices

Adults and youth in junior high and high school are invited to join Pamela Barz in an experiential workshop – exploring how our bodies, our everyday movements, are connected to our spirits and how practicing mindfulness while performing everyday tasks can enhance our spirituality. You are welcome to participate whether you attended whether you attended previous Spirit Sunday conversations or not. Because the children's Spirit Sunday programs have not been well-attended, childcare will be offered rather than a separate Spirit Sunday program.

Understanding the Issues of our Times

Explore issues of economics, color, and class in a new monthly reading and discussion group. At the next meeting on **Thursday January 23 at 7 p.m.** at the church, we will discuss excerpts from the recent book ***Strangers in their own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*** by sociologist **Arlie Hochschild**. Copies of the following chapters will be available on a pdf on FirstParishScituate.org: "Preface," "The Fires of History," "Strangers No Longer," and "They Say There Are Beautiful Trees." Copies of the book are also available through the library system.

In addition, two members of the congregation, Ali Crehan and Kate Glennon, are hosting gatherings for conversation and action:

A Place to Stand

A Place to Stand is a action-oriented drop-in meeting that serves any who seek a dedicated time to share resources, find courage, and take steps to demand justice. It meets first and third Thursdays at 7:30-9:30 pm at Kate and Joe Glennon's house at 82 Elm Street. Look for its group page on Facebook.

Make America Again

Make America Again is a member-driven, action-based group which aims to turn angst into action. We're starting out with a monthly meet up and a Facegroup group. The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 19th, 3:00-5:00 at the church. Contact Ali Crehan (alicrohanfeeney@gmail.com) for more information.

Gatherings for Craft and Conversation

The Subversive Stitchers & Rabblers

The Subversive Stitchers & Rabblers is where the crafty get sassy. We'll be meeting on a regular basis (currently the first Sunday of the month). Members tend to have opinions and to be fairly comfortable expressing them, so come prepared to ask questions, demand answers, debate matters and make plans for world dominance. Or bring cookie recipes, knitting patterns or your current crafty project- all are just as likely to be on the table! Contact Ali Crehan (alicrohanfeeney@gmail.com) for more information.

Wednesday Night Crafters

Carmel Callan will host the next Crafters Night on Wednesday, February 23 from 7-9 in the Parish Hall. She will show us how to make magical and charming little dolls made from pipe cleaners, embroidery floss and pieces of artificial flowers. No experience or special skills needed. Carmel will have all the materials you need. Come join the fun -- we had over 10 participants at our first gathering. Creating in a loving group is especially good therapy for the angst and sadness of these challenging times -- and a great way to start building inventory for the Snowflake fair. If there is a craft you'd like to share or have ideas that you'd like to see taught, please contact Kim Dickinson at kaliced@comcast.net.

Fiddlers

The Fiddlers' annual luncheon will be held at PJ's Country House on 3A in Scituate on Wed., Feb. 15 at noon. RSVP to Carey Eyerly 781-536-8227. Drop in at the church any Wednesday between 10:30 and 12:30 to participate in crafting and conversation.

Opportunities for Ministry

Men's Ministry

All men and boys of First Parish are invited to gather for breakfast on Saturday February 4 at 8 a.m. at Alan Donaldson's home, 64 Satuit Trail. After breakfast, some will assist a Scituate resident with moving a piece of furniture, others will burn brush in Alan's yard.

The Vigil Continues

Join us every Sunday just before 12:00 pm out in front of the church to continue our vigil, standing in support of refugees and immigrants. The church bell will ring from 12:00 to 12:15.

Blue Boat Coffeehouse Saturdays February 11 and March 18

We will again have a mix of incredible local high school talent mixing with semi-professional adults including The Old Oak and Bucket Boys! Proceeds from the Coffeehouse will benefit the Scituate STEAM Collaborative! (Formerly known as the Science Spectacular.)

We will also host a coffeehouse on Saturday, March 18th, from 6-9 pm to provide a safe, sober event on St. Patrick's Day weekend. Proceeds from this event will benefit South Shore Peer Recovery which works closely with Scituate Facts, and also provides support for those struggling with addiction.

We hope you can attend these events. The music is quite impressive. If you are interested in helping (baked goods are always needed) please see Ann Svensen, Kate Glennon, or Billy Timmins (781-267-0089). We appreciate all the incredible support we have had in the past. I believe these events are a strong reflection of our First Parish community and they provide a setting that is sober, free, and family oriented. Thank you! - Billy Timmins

Opportunities for Ministry in the Community

Hospice Volunteers Needed

If you are compassionate, dependable and have 4 – 6 hours/week, please consider being a hospice volunteer. Our hospice patients need companionship and someone to listen to their life's story. Please call Terri Fedrow at 781-610-1427 or email her at tfedrow@nvna.org.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Being a volunteer with the Meals on Wheels Program provides a rewarding opportunity and a vital service for those who are homebound, sometimes isolated, often frail, and who are especially at risk during the winter weather. SSES currently has opportunities available with delivering meals or assisting at one of our local meal sites. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday in the late morning. Volunteer applications are available online at www.sselder.org.

UUJEC UUSJ Reversing Inequality

Stand up for Justice in Washington DC - Monday April 3 through Wednesday April 5, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 301 A St SE, Washington, DC The rising tide of inequality, intolerance and racism makes it more important for UUs to stand up for their values. UUJEC and UUs for Social Justice in the National Capital Region (UUSJ) are organizing a spring conference in Washington DC to give UUs an opportunity to advocate for a vision of a fair and compassionate society directly to decision makers on Capitol Hill. For more information, visit: <http://uujec.com/ReversingInequality>

Panel on Transgender Identities and Experience

The Open Minds Social Justice Speaker Series at First Parish Church Duxbury, Unitarian Universalist, presents Trans 101: Transgender Identities and Experience. A panel of speakers will share personal stories, provide information and speak to the relevance of transgender issues for our community. Presented with support from South Shore PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). February 24@7:30 PM, 842 Tremont Street, Duxbury. Admission is free and all are welcome. In case of bad weather, a notice will be posted at uudux.org.

Around the Parish

Burak, Ayhan, and Laura Carson Laciner invite the congregation to Burak's Eagle Scout Court of Honor which will be held at First Parish on Sunday March 5 at 2 p.m. A memorial service for Gil Wilder will be held at First Parish on Saturday May 20.

Thank UUs: To Erica Boyle, Howard Mathews, and Mark McGuinness for coordinating our month of serving at the Transfer Station and to all who sorted and transported: Pamela Barz; Laura Carson-Laciner; Vicki Davis; Ray DesRoches; Eileen Donaldson; Kate Glennon; Chuck, Miles, and Oliver Jones; Marche Kellerhals; Ruth Kuhn; Win Lawson; Nancy Mathews; Pam Molinari; Alma Morrison; Sarah, Bob, and Robbie Murdock; Jean Shildneck; Hal Stokes; Carol Sullivan-Hanley; Ann Svensen; and Joe Williams. We raised \$3,924 for the church! To the members of Unity/Alliance for hosting the collation following Arthur Anderson's memorial service and to the members of the choir who sang at the service..... To Ruth Kuhn for keeping the kitchen sparkling!

We Look Forward to:

March 8	Unity/Alliance dinner
March 12	Union Sunday: "Singing for the Earth"
March 18	Blue Boat Coffeehouse
March 24	Game Night
May 5	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i> party



Happy Birthday! February

Ellen Isley	Feb 5
Riley Nidositko	Feb 9
David Ballinger	Feb 12
Anne Weaver	Feb 13
Margaux Bertola	Feb 14
Eileen Donaldson	Feb 21
Carmel Callan	Feb 24
Roxanne Greim	Feb 27
Sarah Ballinger	Feb 27

February Calendar

Wed. 1st

10:30 am Fididdlers
7:00 pm Parish Committee

Sat. 4th

8:00 am Men's Ministry

Sun. 5th

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship and RE
Vision Service
12:00 pm Vigil
12:15 pm Finance Committee
2:00 pm *Subversive Stitchers & Rabblers*

Wed. 8th

10:30 am Fididdlers

Sat. 11th

6:00 pm Blue Boat Coffeehouse

Sun. 12th

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship and RE
12:00 pm Vigil
12:15 pm Committee Sunday

Mon. 13th

7:00 pm Meditation

Wed. 15th

10:30 Fididdlers
12:00 Fididdlers Luncheon

Thurs. 16th

4-5:30 pm Tea with the Minister

Fri. 17th

Scituate Ceilidhe

Sun. 19th

10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Vigil
3:00 pm *Make America Again*
7:00 pm YG SciCohRock -Rockland

Mon. 20th

7:00 pm "What is the Bible?" Class

Wed. 22nd

10:30 Fididdlers
7:00 Craft and Conversation Group

Thurs. 23rd

7:00 *Understanding the Issues of our Times* discussion

Sun. 26th

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Spirit Sunday program
10:30 am Worship and RE
12:00 pm Vigil

Mon. 27th

7:00 pm Meditation

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