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The Sloop's Log

March 2017

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 March 5th *Off the Hook*

Buddhists talk about “the shenpa” or “hook” – that which takes us out of the discomfort of the present moment into an imagined ease. How do we get off the hook and stay present? Pamela Barz preaching. Brian and Patty Sutton will light the chalice.

The Choir will sing *Everything Possible* by Fred Small.

Milena Davidova and Emma Barton are the greeters. The flowers are given by Alma Morrison and Ray des Roches. Anna da Silva will host the coffee hour.

Sunday March 12th *For Such a Time as This*

For the Jewish festival of Purim a sermon on courage. It is traditional to serve Hamentaschen, a fruit-filled cookie, on Purim. If you would be willing to bake some for this service, please speak with Pamela Barz.

The Choir will sing *Rivers of Babylon*.

The Corbo family are the greeters. Sarah Murdock will host the coffee hour. We are in need of people to bring flowers.

Following the service, you are invited to share ideas with one of our church committees at our monthly Committee Sunday. On this Sunday, committees will be planning budget requests for the 2017-2018 church year, so come share your thoughts for next year. Supervision and snacks for children will be offered.

At 3 p.m. Union Sunday: *Singing for the Earth* with Fred Small

Celebrate our historic connection with the UU congregations of Cohasset, Norwell, and Hingham and our shared care for the Earth as we come together for our annual Union Sunday. On March 12, 3-4:30 p.m., we will all gather at the First Parish in Norwell, 24 River Street, where the UU minister, folksinger, and climate change activist Fred Small will lead us in "Singing for the Earth." The program will include lots of singing, a story for all ages, an anthem sung by a joint choir of our churches, and a time for planning shared actions to benefit the Earth. The afternoon will end with refreshments. Contributions of cookies and other finger-food are welcome. Fred Small has been singing for justice in the Boston area for over 30 years. His songs include *Heart of the Appaloosa*, *Everything Possible* (which our choir will sing on March 5), *The Hug Song*, and *Cranes over Hiroshima*. Pete Seeger called him "one of America's best songwriters". In 1996 he was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister and has served churches in Littleton and Cambridge, MA. In 2015 he left parish ministry to focus on climate advocacy. He currently serves as Minister for Climate Justice at Arlington Street Church and Director of Faith Outreach for Climate XChange, which advocates for carbon pricing legislation in Massachusetts.

Sunday March 19th *Journey To Right Relations* – The Rev. Mr. Richard Fewkes, guest preacher

"A look back and a look forward at UU attempts over the years to come to terms with the meaning of Right Relations between racial groups, gender role relationships, sexual orientation, etc., within our churches and in society at large. We've made progress but the challenges continue." Dick Fewkes has served three churches in our Ballou Channing District of the UUA: (1) First UU Society in Middleboro (1964-69), (2) the First Parish in Norwell (1969-2000) where he is now the Minister Emeritus, and (3) as Interim Minister at the First Parish UU Church, Bridgewater (2000–2002). He resides with his partner Connie Johnson in Sagamore Beach, has a summer home on Cape Cod in West Dennis, is a grandfather to eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and is a member of the UU Meeting House in Chatham.

The Choir will sing *Turn! Turn! Turn!* .

Donna Cogliano will be greeting. The Corbo family will host the coffee hour. We are in need of people to bring flowers.

Sunday March 26th *Supporting our Vision*

The Mission and Vision Team Steering Committee will share the results of our conversations on vision. Pamela Barz will offer a reflection on how our vision leads us into the future. If you haven't taken part in one of the conversations and would like to offer your thoughts, please contact a member of the MVT: Ellen Isley, Alma Morrison, Ann Svensen, or Billy Timmins.

The Choir will sing *Take Up the Song*.

The Fourth Sunday offerings in March and April will support the work of the Scituate Food Pantry.

We are in need of people to host the 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

On Sunday March 15, 1987 the congregation of King's Chapel in Boston ordained me to ministry among Unitarian Universalist churches as "pastor, preacher, and teacher." At that time, I thought that being a minister was all about my ministering to other people, my helping them. The minister "ministers" – right?

Thirty years offers a lot of opportunities to change one's perspective, and I now realize that the model of ministry I began with wasn't helpful to me or to the congregations I served. Fortunately, it didn't take me too long to realize this. Five years into ministry at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford, Maine, I was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease. The months of my treatment and recovery not only changed me, they changed the congregation – and for the better. Though I continued to serve full time through nearly a year of surgery and chemotherapy, there was a lot that had to fall off my schedule. And I, for the first time in my adult life, needed support. The congregation not only ministered to me – driving me to appointments, bringing me meals, mopping my kitchen floor, and practicing scarf tying with me – they ministered to each other. They took charge of events, reached out to one another, offered adult education classes. Instead of being a time when the church sat in stasis or retrenched, in that year the church grew. They lived out what is the basis of our polity as a congregational church – that the church is the people who sit in the pews. The minister is one of them, called out from a pew to serve in a way which differs in degree and in preparation but not fundamentally. ;

In our tradition, we are all ministers. The one who is "the minister" is there not to do all the work of ministry but to help others discern and carry out their ministries, their callings, within and without the walls of the church.

So as we think about our vision for First Parish in Scituate, I invite you to think about your vision for yourself – what are your gifts? How would you like to offer them to others? And how can I and all the other ministers at First Parish support you in doing that? What is your ministry?

See you in Church,
Pamela

Minister's Schedule

Pamela Barz is 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 (RE News)

Upcoming:

Sunday, March 5

Grades K-2 - Bringing Peace and Justice to the World
Grades 3-5 - Deciding for Peace and Justice
Grades 6-7 - Beliefs
Grade 8 - (Coming of Age) Writing Your Credo

Court of Honor event to celebrate Burak Laciner for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 12

Grades K-2 - The Word God is Bigger Than Any One Person's Definition
Grades 3-5 - Respecting Others and Valuing Diversity
Grade 6-8 - Prayer - Prayer Beads led by Cathie McGowan

Sunday, March 19

Grades K-2 - Web of Life
Grades 3-5 - Creative Conflict Resolution
Grade 6-7 - Evil and Good Grade 8 - (Coming of Age) Good and Evil

Spring Session Begins:

Sunday, March 26

Grades K-2 - Family
Grades 3-5 - Cooperation
Grade 6-8 - Breaking the Law

SciCohRock Senior Youth Group Schedule

Sunday, March 5: Meeting, Scituate

Sunday, March 19: Meeting, Norwell

Sunday, April 2: Meeting, Rockland

Thank you to our Winter Session teachers: Jen Bokavich, Julianna Dunn, Spencer Howe, Tracey Timmins; and to our guest teachers Helen Soini and Ruth Kuhn.

We are looking for one more adult who might be interested in being involved with the Senior Youth Group next church year to visit some of the meeting's this spring to find out what it's all about. No immediate commitment, just contact us if you are interested in working with this great group of teens a few Sunday evenings.

The 6th through 8th graders would like to add their own contribution to the Church Visioning process the congregation started, imagining First Parish in a few years, and what they'd like to see: "service will have less standing," "service will be shorter," "service will engage the audience," "better funded," "new playground," "upstairs will be just for us," "we'll have a library," "better storage," "a pantry," "more people will come because we welcome all."

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

Church Matters



Notes from Beth Dubuisson

New Choir members are welcome to join us and sing for choir session Five which runs through April 16th (Easter Sunday). Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00.

Our anthems for March are:

3/5: *Everything Possible* by Fred Small.

3/12: *Rivers of Babylon* - This is the Rastafarian song by Brent Dowe and Trevor McNaughton, made famous by The Melodians in 1970.

3/19: *Turn! Turn! Turn! For Everything there is a Season* by Pete Seeger

3/26: *Take Up the Song* by Carole Etzler and Brenda Chambers

Fred Small will be leading a wonderful afternoon gathering at First Parish Norwell on March 12th at 3:00 p.m. The joint choirs from the UU churches of Hingham, Cohasset, Norwell, and Scituate will sing *Blue Boat Home*.

Caroline Hine and I will perform together for the next coffee house Saturday March 18th. On April 2nd, Caroline will play the cello with our Scottish anthem *Over the Sea to Skye*.

The annual **Choir Party** is this Saturday March 4th at my house in Kingston.

We Look Forward to:

April 8	Progressive Dinner
April 9	Welcome of New Members
May 5	Cinco de Mayo party
May 13	Spring Fair
May 21	The 383rd Annual Meeting of First Parish
June 18	Coming of Age Recognition Sunday
June 25	Summer Picnic

Notes from the Parish Committee

March 12th Is Committee Sunday!

All committees that are able will meet at the church after the service and coffee this Sunday. Childcare will be available. Groups will break at Noon, for those participating in the vigil, and resume from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Committee Sundays are a regular event on the second Sunday of each month, enabling all of us to connect and engage in new ways. If you are not currently on a committee, now's a great time to get involved! This month: Committees will discuss their programs and plans for next year and determine their budget requests.

Getting Closer to a Vision

From flower beds to protest banners, the visioning meetings have generated so many powerful images of how we see our church in the future.

Here's a sampling:

- 25 people saw statements of who we are and what we stand for out in front of the church
- 20 people saw well-loved grounds with more flowers.
- 18 people saw a welcoming more diverse congregation filled with joy and friendly smiles.
- 14 people saw a vibrant pace of worship where all ages feel nurtured and included.
- 24 people saw us participating in various multi-generational social justice activities and being known for our work in the larger community.
- 18 people saw us and the larger community enjoying social gatherings centered around various activities, such as music, talking about books, creating art, eating together, and engaging in Adult RE classes.

The Vision Mission Steering Committee is meeting on March 2nd to go over these results and to begin drafting a statement that we hope to present to the congregation for review within the next two weeks. Please let us know if you have not had a chance to vision with us. We'd love to hear your thoughts. Thank you! Alma Morrison, Ann Svensen, Billy Timmins, and Ellen Isley

Potluck Supper and Game Night - Saturday March 25th

Get ready to get your game on! On Saturday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m. come to church for a potluck supper followed by a game night. Fun for all ages! Sign up, or just bring a dish and a game. Please sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549aaaf2fa13-potluck> . Questions? contact Jenn Mackey at jenn_mackey@comcast.net or Jen MacGonagle Dziedzic at jenmcdz@gmail.com . ;

Unity/Alliance Dinner - Wednesday March 8th

We hope everyone will join us for our March gathering in the Old Sloop Room at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, 3/8/17 to share food and fellowship ... and a guest speaker! It will be OUT OF THIS WORLD!! Spencer Howe is going to join us and discuss astronomy! Our hostesses for this meal are Laura Smith, Gail Anderson, Vicki Davis, Kay Shaw and Jean Shildneck. The hostesses provide the food, and the rest of us pay a \$5 fee at the door. We all provide the fellowship! We hope you will join us! All women, members & friends, are welcome! - Cathie McGowan Unity/Alliance Secretary

Ditch the Dishpans!

The Finance Committee has authorized a special fundraising project to raise money for buying and installing an under-counter commercial dishwasher that will meet the health code by using very hot water to sanitize dishes. It will simplify and speed up dishwashing after coffee hour and whenever food is served, and will also help us save paper by using the pottery cups that now merely decorate the kitchen. Total cost of the project will be about \$6,500, including plumbing, piping and labor; we have \$1,500 already in hand, so we have to raise about \$5,000 for this special effort. You will find more information and a collection box for contributions in the Old Sloop Room. -Alma Morrison

You Are Invited to the Installation of the Rev. Ms. Jordinn Nelson Long

In our tradition, when congregations install a new minister, they invite area congregations to be part of the covenant they are creating. The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (<http://uufairhaven.org/>) invites us to join them on April 2 at 3 p.m. as they install Jordinn Nelson Long as their new minister. Let Pamela Barz know if you would like to attend.

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. March sessions are on Mondays 3/13 and 3/27. All are welcome. Email Brian or Patty Sutton with any questions at brsutton@hotmail.com or pattysutton@gmail.com.

Tea with the Minister

Thursday 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!

Exploring the Bible: Introducing the Old Testament -Monday March 20th

Before writing even existed, ancient people gathered and told stories. They tried to make sense of the world around them through these stories. More than ten thousand years later, many of these stories are still told today in the form of the Old Testament. Over the next six months we will look at both the content of these stories as well as the historical and cultural context of the world in which these stories were told and written down using the curriculum *Introducing the Old Testament*, part II of the *Exploring the Bible* series. The class meets on the 3rd Monday, March-August, 7-8:30 p.m., though there may be some date changes in July and August to accommodate vacation schedules. Space is limited - please let Pamela Barz know if you would like to register for the series. There is no fee, but participants are asked to purchase a copy of the student guide for *Introducing the Old Testament*, available at Amazon, and to bring that and a study Bible to each class.

Understanding the Issues of our Times

The Boston area has one of the widest gaps in income in our country. A new study by the Metropolitan Council describes inequality in our area as it plays out in housing, health, and education. In our discussion this month we'll go local and think big at the same time, focusing on this study *The State of Equity in Metro Boston 2017* (http://www.regionalindicators.org/topic_areas/7#executive-summary) and put it in a larger context using an interview with the economist Jeffrey Sachs (<https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2017/02/the-economy-is-not-doomed/517482/>) The group meets on the 4th Thursday monthly; this month on Thursday March 23 at 7 p.m.

Spirit Sunday March 26: *Spirit in Practice: Life Practices*

Where do you find yourself opening to the Spirit? When do those deep moments of gratitude, awe, or love open to you? How do we put ourselves in those places and those times? Explore those questions and some practices during this month's session of the UUA curriculum *Spirit in Practice*. Adults and youth in junior high and high school are invited to join Pamela Barz in this workshop. The program begins at 9 and end at 10, so please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes earlier to settle in.

Walk and Talk

Our Caring Committee invites everyone to "Walk and Talk" on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m., meeting in the Sand Hills parking area. We walk on the road, to the Lighthouse and down Oceanside Drive. Children are welcome to bring scooters or wagons. We get to know one another, enjoy the scenery, and discuss what's going on in our lives and in the world. Please let Tracey Timmins know if you have questions.

New England Region Regional Assembly April 21-22

The New England Region UUA invites you to gather with New England Unitarian Universalists for a celebration of spirit. Worship will be led by liturgist-singer-music director Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout and UU preacher the Rev. Ms. Robin Bartlett. Sing with composer-musician-song leader Dr. Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey and the Rock. Attend a UUA Presidential Candidates Forum. Meet and greet your New England Region UUA staff, and choose from three workshops being offered.

REGISTER: new-england.eventbrite.com Youth are welcome to participate; special rate for ages 12-19. Free child care available for ages 11 and under.

Gatherings for Craft and Conversation

Wednesday Night Crafters

The next Crafters Night will be on Wednesday, March 23 from 7-9 in the Parish Hall. Come join the fun! At the request of all who were present, Carmel Callan will lead another session of making flower fairies. Children, youth, and adults welcome. 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.

Fididdlers

Drop in at the church any Wednesday between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to participate in crafting and conversation.

Opportunities for Ministry

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry meets monthly to serve the needs of people in Scituate. They will meet on Saturday March 4 at 8 a.m. for breakfast at the home of Alan Donaldson (64 Satuit Trail) and then divide into three teams: helping to move furniture, to assist with a home need, and to chop wood. Men and boys of all ages are welcome. Please let Chuck Jones (Charles_A_Jones@yahoo.com) know if you plan to attend.

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 Saturday March 18

The Blue Boat Coffeehouse is celebrating a sober St. Patrick's Day! On Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 6:00-9:00 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate is proud to present our fourth Blue Boat Coffeehouse to highlight the incredible talent of local adults and youth while raising funds for a local non-profit organization ... and adding a wee touch o' the Irish in the music and entertainment!

This alcohol-free, substance-free, family-friendly event is open to the public and donations are encouraged to benefit South Shore Peer Recovery, a local group of volunteers who offer support to individuals and families in recovery from substance use disorders. This group has a small office in Scituate Harbor, offering free meditation, acupuncture and assistance navigating treatment resources. The long-term goal of the organization is to open a vibrant Recovery Community Center in the heart of our community - where peers in recovery, their family members & friends, can actively work on their recovery and support each other. Volunteers from South Shore Peer Recovery will be on hand to answer questions about the groups and volunteer opportunities they offer. For more information, check out their website : www.southshorepeerrecovery.com

Suggested Donation is \$5. Irish bread, baked goods and other refreshments will be available for purchase. For information and the latest line-up of performers for the Blue Boat Coffeehouse on 3/18/17, please visit "The Blue Boat Coffeehouse" Facebook page. Contact Billy Timmins at Chatham836@comcast.net with questions. Thank you!

Scituate Food Pantry

Hello Folks! It's that time again, the month of April is our church's time to support the Scituate Food Pantry. We are called upon to provide one person on Tuesday each week of April, from 10:00am to 1:00 pm, and 6-8:00 pm the last Tuesday, April 25th. The work is mainly dating donated goods and filling orders for clients. There is some lifting and bending required. On the month that we provide volunteers to the food pantry, we are requested to either have a fund raiser or a food drive. We would like to build a wall of food across the alter, as we have in the past.

The food pantry always needs: Catsup, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Cookies, Crackers, Cereal, Sugar, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, and Canned meats.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Sloop room at church, and/or contact me at church or at 781-378-1562, if you have any questions. Thank you! - Alan Donaldson, Food Pantry Rep.

Foster Care Opportunity

There is a need in our community for fostering a boy in middle school. If you are interested in sharing your home with this youth for a short period of time, please contact the church office and we will connect you with more information.

Coordinate Easter Flowers

Do you enjoy color? Love spring flowers? The Religious Services Committee is looking for one or two people to plan and coordinate flowers for Easter Sunday. The work involves meeting with Cindy Simon at R & C Farms to see what is available and to select plants to offer to the congregation; updating the Easter flower form and including it in the April Sloop's Log; picking up the plants; arranging them in the sanctuary for Easter; and giving away any plants not picked up after the Easter service. Please let Jenn Mackey, Religious Services Committee chair, know if you are interested.

Around the Parish

We offer our **sympathies to Cathie McGowan** on the death of her step-mother on February 16 in Chicago....; **Yvonne Twomey** has recently been at LifeCare in Scitute. She appreciates cards at her home address. ... Longtime church member **Dave Allen has moved** to Seattle to live with his son Jeffrey. Dave's new address is: c/o Jeffrey Alen, 10025 Densmore Ave. N., WA 98133. Jennifer and Reed, daughter and son-in-law, had been providing care and support to David and his late wife, Virginia, for the past eighteen months. They will be holding an estate and art sale (of Virginia's art) the weekend of April 6, 7, and 8. Jennifer would welcome and appreciate any volunteers who have time available on any of those dates to monitor rooms, direct foot traffic, or answer basic questions. Assistance earlier in the week with set-up or arranging displays would be appreciated as well. Please contact Jennifer or Reed at 781-545-2696 or jennsunshine@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering..... 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.

Thank UUs: To **Kate Glennon** and **Brian and Patty Sutton** for cleaning out the RE area of the Old Sloop Room..... to **Howard Mathews, Bonnie Canfield, and Steve Young** for offering us their music during the service on February 26... to **Carmel Callan** for leading the evening craft and conversation group in making flower fairies at their February gathering – and for agreeing to lead another session in March. ... to **Alan Donaldson** for coordinating and overseeing work on the church's alarm system.



Happy Birthday! March

Thomas Svensen	Mar 4
Jean Schildneck	Mar 4
Andrew Linker	Mar 5
Jean-Didier Bertola	Mar 8
Addie Oliver	Mar 13
Aiden Amelang	Mar 14
Shannon Ryan	Mar 15
Liam Glennon	Mar 19
Marina Glennon	Mar 19
Claire Sherman	Mar 19
Nicholas Bokavich	Mar 24
Nancy Richards-Stower	Mar 29

March Calendar

Wed. 1st

10:30 am Fididdlers
7:00 pm Parish Committee

Sat. 4th

8:00 am Men's Ministry
6:00 pm Choir Party (Kingston)

Sun. 5th

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship and RE
12:00 pm Vigil
2:00 pm Burak Laciner's Eagle Scout
Court of Honor
3:30 pm Walk and Talk
5:00 pm YG SciCohRock - Scituate

Wed. 8th

10:30 am Fididdlers
6:30 pm Unity/Alliance Dinner

Sun. 12th

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship and RE
12:00 pm Vigil
12:15 pm Committee Sunday
3:30 pm Walk and Talk

Mon. 13th

7:00 pm Meditation

Wed. 15th

10:30 am Fididdlers

Thurs. 16th

4-5:30 pm Tea with the Minister

Fri. 17th

7:00 pm Scituate Ceilidhe

Sat. 18th

6:00 pm Blue Boat Coffee House

Sun. 19th

10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Vigil
5:00 pm YG SciCohRock - Norwell

Mon. 20th

7:00 pm *Introducing the Old Testament*

Wed. 22nd

10:30 am Fididdlers
7:00 pm Craft and Conversation Group

Thurs. 23rd

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

Sat. 25th

5:30 pm Potluck Supper and Game Night

Sun. 26th

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

Mon. 27th

7:00 pm Meditation

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