



The Sloop's Log

June 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 June 4 *Who Has Seen the Wind?*

As we join in dedicating Mae Wislocki, daughter of JoAnn and Mike, and pray for her to know wisdom, courage, and love all her days, and as we look forward to flying kites after the service, Pamela Barzwill consider the “the wind beneath our wings” (or kites).

The choir will sing *Sow Mercy*. *Emily DiPaola and Win Lawson will offer a duet by Telemann for the Music for Centering*.

Donna Brindley is the greeter. Alma Morrison and Ray DesRoches are the giving the flowers. Carey Eyerly and Donna Brindley are hosting the coffee hour.

Kite Flying this Sunday, June 4th

Let's go fly a kite! Please join Donna Cogliano for kite flying fun after church this Sunday, June 4th. We'll head over to the fields by Lawson Tower. Please bring a kite.

Sunday June 11 *Roots and Wings*

This is our annual celebration of the learning and growth of our children and youth. Using their study of Unitarian Universalism, children and youth grades K-8 will lead us in our chalice lighting, time of prayer and meditation, and offering (which will support the work of the Malawi Children's Mission to build and run schools for orphans). We will recognize the youth of our Coming of Age program and hear credos from Robby Murdock and Moira Feeney. We will recognize our graduating seniors Emily DiPaolo and Burak Laciner. We will thank our teachers, especially our longtime youth advisors Veronica Amelang and Michael Feeney who are stepping down from that role.

The Choir will sing *Flying Free*.

We are in need of greeters, flowers, and a host for coffee hour.

Sunday June 18 *You Might As Well Laugh*

As we celebrate Father's Day and hear Max DaSilva, Liam Glennon, and Marina Glennon reflect on where they find meaning in their Coming of Age credos, Pamela Barz will offer a reflection on laughter. This is a multi-generational service.

The Choir will sing *The Road Home*.

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

Sunday June 25 *Going to Walden*

We will celebrate the 200th birthday of Henry David Thoreau (July 12, 1817) and the beginning of Summer

with a reflection on where we find peace and joy. Guitarist and troubadour Peter Mundt will join us to lead our music. The service will be followed by a barbecue. Please bring a dish or a condiment to share. Hotdogs of various kinds (meat and veggie) will be provided.

Peter Mundt, singer, guitarist, will lead the music.

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 sign up sheet in the Sloop Room, or online at the following: Help drive someone to church: contact the church office at 781-545-3324 or firstparishsituate@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

At our Annual Meeting on May 21, the congregation voted unanimously to adopt our vision and mission statements:

Our Vision

We aspire to be a beacon of liberal faith, strong community and transformative service, rooted in love.

Our Mission

Liberal Faith

We commit to participate side-by-side across generations in worship, religious education, social activities, environmental protection, and social justice work—learning, sharing, and growing together.

Strong Community

We commit to care for one another, nurture the light that shines within each of us, and support each other's individual search for truth and meaning.

Transformative Service

We commit to pursue diversity, justice, equality, reason, and discourse; provide inspiration through music, creativity, and the arts; and work cooperatively to affect positive change in our community and beyond.

So now the question comes to us: How will we, together and individually, live out our vision and mission? How will we "be a beacon"? As I said in my annual report sermon that day, I know two things: our responses won't all be the same and they will be creative. Being a beacon of liberal faith might mean you decide to teach in RE, help plan a worship service, sing in the choir, or take part in an adult spiritual deepening program, but it could also mean helping to publicize our offerings to others. Being a beacon of strong community might mean offering to make a meal or give someone a ride to church, but it could also mean helping with stewardship, serving on the finance committee, planning a supper, hosting coffee hour, greeting, or working on the building which houses our strong community. Being a beacon of transformative service might mean planning a work party with the UU Urban Ministry or Habitat for Humanity; it might mean eating breakfast and putting in storm windows with the Men's Ministry; it might mean creating a connection between our congregation and one in Brockton; or it could mean sitting with someone who is ill. It's not the answer itself that matters so much as that each of us live out our answers (not someone else's answers).

At an all church retreat this summer (date to be announced), we'll have the opportunity to consider how we want to focus our energies this coming year. If you'd like to talk before then about your hopes and ideas, I am always happy to listen!

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. Or stop by during her new community officers. Tuesday is her day off. You can reach her at pamela.merrill.barz@gmail.com or 781-412-4233.



June Religious Education (RE News)

Sunday, June 4 Preparation for RE Sunday & End of Year Celebration
Grades K-2 - Receiving the offering

Grades 3-5 - Lighting the chalice
Grades 6-7 - Leading prayer & meditation

Sunday, June 11: Religious Education Recognition Sunday

Multi-generation. We will celebrate all our children and youth, bridge our 8th graders into the youth group and recognize our graduating seniors. Moira Feeney and Robby Murdock will offer their Coming of Age credo statements; Seniors Emily DiPaolo and Burak Laciner will reflect on what they've learned in their years at First Parish.

Coming of Age is a UU rite of passage that marks a youth's transition to adulthood, as a bar/bat mitzvah does for Jewish youth and a confirmation does for other Protestant and Roman Catholic youth. CoA programs encompass UU history and identity, self-reflection and credo building. The program culminates in a special worship service where the youth present their credo ("I believe") statements.

Sunday, June 18: Max DaSilva, Liam Glennon, and Marina Glennon will offer their Coming of Age credos.

Sunday, June 25: Celebrate the beginning of summer with a special multigenerational service with music by "Mr. Mundt." Barbecue to follow.

SciCohRock Senior Youth Group Schedule

Sunday, June 4: Meeting, Norwell 5 pm - 7 pm

Sunday, June 11: Final Meeting at Veronica's House, 1 pm. Alums and new members welcome!

SciCohRock, our Senior High youth group, spent May 19-21 at Channing Church, Rockland, for their last CON of the year. Our senior members participated in the Bridging Ceremony which marked their leaving youth group.

Looking back over the church year

Anyone involved in a church committee or activity has some sense of how much effort and how many people it takes. And yet we had no full sense of how loving and giving our church friends are until we became committee chairs. Patty and I want to thank you all so much to all the teachers, assistants, guest teachers, and committee members for giving their time and expertise, their ministry, for the benefit of our children and our program. We were so new to organizing RE, had so many questions, and made so many mistakes. In particular, without Pam's guidance, Kate Glennon's experience, Donna's framework in place, and then everything Julianna helped to do, this year's program could not have happened. We love you all.

Looking ahead to fall

In the fall we will begin a study of world religions, which will include "field trips" as well as guest teachers. Following past practice, we will again offer the every other year "Our Whole Lives" program to grades 7-9. This human sexuality program meets outside of Sunday mornings, and is offered to Scituate and neighboring communities, regardless of their family connection to a Unitarian Universalist church.

Love and Kindness, Brian & Patty Sutton

Contact us at brsutton@hotmail.com or pattysutton@gmail.com

Church Matters



Notes from Beth Dubuisson

Thank you to Lily Duff, Wesley Hine, Riley Nidositko, and David Sutton for sharing your musical talents with us during the month of May.

June 4th: The choir will sing *Sow Mercy* by the McGuires. Emily DiPaola and Win Lawson will offer a duet by Telemann for the Music for Centering.

June 11th: The choir will sing one of our favorites, *Flying Free* by Don Besig.

June 18th: The choir will sing *The Road Home*, a *Southern Harmony* tune, adapted by Stephen Paulus.

June 25th: Peter Mundt, singer, guitarist, will lead the music.

Some of our grey and teal hymnals have gradually disappeared from the sanctuary pews. If you have one of the church hymnals at home would you please bring it back?

Here is a chance to make a wonderful contribution to church! We have beautiful name plates for the hymnals and will honor you or another person if you donate the cost of a hymnal. The cost of the hymnals is \$32 for the grey and \$18 for the teal. We are also accepting orders for your own personal copies of the hymnals if you would like a copy to keep at home. Checks should be made out to First Parish Scituate and in the office no later than **June 11th**.

-Beth Dubuisson

Financial Notes from the Treasurer

At our Annual Meeting on May 21 we passed a budget for Fiscal Year 2018 that supports many of our ministerial and programmatic goals. Themes that rose to the surface during our visioning process were highlighted in the pledge drive letter that the Finance Committee sent out in March. Those goals, and the extent to which we are able to support them financially in the 2017/2018 church year, are laid out below:

1. In order to show our appreciation to our dedicated staff, it is important to pay salaries that reflect their contributions including cost of living increases.
 - o For the first time in many years, we have budgeted small raises for our minister and staff. The FY18 budget reflects a 3% increase to Pamela Barz and Elizabeth Dubuisson, and a 6% increase to Stephanie Stewart.
2. Funding our worship and music programs to allow for guest preachers, speakers, and musicians.
 - o The FY18 budget funds guest ministers and pulpit supplies at the same rate as last year and our music program at \$300 more than last year.
3. To ensure a vibrant religious education program that supports the spiritual development of our children and youth, we need to allocate resources for a Coordinator of Religious Education.
 - o The FY18 budget includes funds for a part-time Coordinator of Religious Education and we have funded RE Program Expenses at levels consistent with last year's expenses.
4. To make our historic buildings and grounds secure, safe, welcoming, accessible, sustainable, and functional we must maintain and upgrade our properties.
 - o We have increased our budget for B&G by \$3,400. This line item includes utilities, security, mowing, plowing, cleaning, trash removal, supplies, and annual maintenance and repairs. It also allows us to return to FY16 levels of funding for Capital Improvements Savings (\$3,000).
5. To honor our commitment to social justice and to our denominational organizations, we strive to increase our donations and dues payments.
 - o We have budgeted for \$1,250 for denominational contributions. While still well below what is recommended for a congregation of our size, we have returned to FY16 levels of support. We will continue our commitment to social justice and community organizations through church-wide activities, and Fourth Sunday and other special collections.
6. So that we eventually have the ability to expand our program space as our needs grow, we must move towards decreasing our reliance on income from tenants.
 - o This is a long term goal should membership increase significantly. There is no immediate need for expansion and no plan to change our leases.

Full details of the FY18 budget, along with a financial report for this year, are included in the Annual Report that is available from the members' page of the church's website. **It is important to note that, in order to meet the goals above, next year's budget has a deficit of almost \$13,000.** While we are able to "afford" a deficit budget next year because we have a surplus this year, this equation of income and expenses is not sustainable.

During the coming church year, we will continue to develop and examine our goals. We will have to decide together, as a church, if we are willing to support those goals financially. If we want to expand or even maintain our ministries and programs, it will be critical next year that we increase our pledge income.

Please remember that, while this conversation is being framed in the context of our end of year financial reports and next year's budget, your pledge does more than support individual budget items.

Your financial support continues the unique religious voice that First Parish represents in our community. It sustains a place that sustains you in return. The Finance Committee is always available to answer any questions about the work of our church and the importance of your financial support, at any level you can give. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the members of the committee if you have any questions about

the church's finances.

Sincerely, Jean Shildneck
Treasurer Finance Committee Members: Erica Boyle, Vicki Davis, Cathie McGowan, Alma Morrison, Kathy Fisher, Jean Shildneck

Committee Opportunities

Would you like to become more involved in making things happen at church? For the coming year we have strong leadership for the various Committees that serve under the umbrella of Membership and Outreach. But Committees do function best with enough enthusiastic people working on things they feel really matters. We especially encourage new members and friends of the church community to get involved in a specific function in any of the areas shown below. For further definition of what these functions are (or could be) and what you might like to do, and any other questions – please contact me (almamorrison8298@gmail.com or 781-545-1466) or any of the relevant leaders listed below (and in the Church Directory on line) to talk about your specific interest.

Social Justice – serving the church, the wider community and the world on issues outlined in our Covenant. Leaders: Anna Da Silva, Billy Timmins and Carol Sullivan-Hanley.

Social Programs – encouraging social events of all kinds for people in the church community – Leaders: Jenn Mackey, Milena Davidova.

Hospitality – organizing Sunday coffee hour – Leaders: Carey Eyerly and Marche Kellerhals.

Membership – attracting new people to the church and integrating them into its life – Sarah Murdock and Ann Corbo.

Publicity – promoting interest in the church and its activities both within the church and to the general public – Claire Sherman and Kate Glennon.

We hope you will be inspired to talk with me or one of the above leaders about volunteering for an activity, as much or as little as is just right for you. In this way you can be part of pursuing the Church Vision, forwarding our Mission and helping to achieve our concrete goals for the coming year. Thank you. - Alma Morrison, Liaison for Membership and Outreach.

We also need a volunteer to restock the pews with pens, blue cards, envelopes and small tissues. Carey Eyerly has been doing this but will be taking on arrangements for coffee hour and would like to hand it on. Please let Carey know if you are interested (781-536-8227/careyeyerly@yahoo.com)

2017 Directory of Members and Friends Update

We will be updating our Directory of Members and Friends of First Parish this month and would like to hear from you if any changes are needed. Please email me at firstparishscituate@verizon.net with any changes by June 15th. -Stephanie Stewart, Church Administrator

Recyclables - Compost - or Garbage?

We have a new system for separating trash at church. Please read the labels before you toss!



Notes From the Parish Committee

Parish Committee Meeting - June 7th

At our first meeting of the new church year we will welcome our new PC members: Sheri Nidositko, Co-Chair; Marche Kellerhals, Secretary; and Mark daSilva, Administration and Leadership Liaison. And we will say good-bye and thank you to our departing members: Erica Boyle, Jenn Mackey, and Billy Timmins. We will also plan an all church retreat to set goals based on our new Vision and Mission statements. -Ann Svenson, Co-Chair

Opportunities for Spiritual Deepening

Come to Community Office Hours with the Minister

Saturday June 10, 9:30-10:30 and Monday June 19, 10:00-11:00
at the Lucky Finn Café in the Harbor
Stop by to talk about what's going on in your life and in the world.
Bring a friend who might like to share in the conversation.

Monday Night Meditation

You are invited to come practice meditation with others on Mondays June 12 and 26, 7-8:30 p.m. whether you have been meditating for years or are interested in trying out a practice. June 26 will be the last Monday Night Meditation until September. Thank you to everyone who has come to sit and discuss meditation this church year! Email Brian or Patty Sutton with any questions at brsutton@hotmail.com or pattysutton@gmail.com. - Brian and Patty Sutton

Vote for the next President of the UUA!

Every four years the congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association elect a new president. This is an election year. Three candidates are running for President: the Rev. Ms. Alison Miller, <http://www.alisonforuupresident.org/>; the Rev. Ms. Jeanne Pupke, <http://www.jeannepupke.com/>; and the Rev. Ms. Susan Fredrick-Gray, <http://susanfrederickgray.com/>. On Monday June 5 at 7 p.m. you are invited to watch a video of their presidential forum and offer your thoughts on whom we should vote for. We are entitled to three votes, in addition to the ones for our Minister and Minister Emeritus. Votes may be cast on-line between June 1 and 24. Julianna Dunn has offered to serve as one of our "remote delegates." We need two additional people. If you would like to cast one of the votes, please speak with Pamela Barz.

Baldwin Book Discussion and Dinner

We will host a discussion of James Baldwin's book of intertwined stories *Going to Meet the Man* on Tuesday July 11 as part of the ongoing community diversity conversations. The book is available through the OCLN system. It is not necessary to read the whole book. John Scopelleti, who lives in Scituate, teaches English at the South Shore Vocational Technical High School. He is also the author and a commentator for WBUR's *Cognoscenti*. The dinner and discussion begin at 6:30 p.m. If you would like, as a reflection of our diversity, you are invited to bring a dish to share which reflects your family's culture.

Gatherings for Craft and Conversation

Fiddlers

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

Opportunities for Ministry

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry meets monthly on the first Saturday at 8 a.m. for breakfast followed by a service project for Scituate residents. On Saturday June 3, breakfast is at the home of Alan Donaldson, 64 Satuit Trail. Afterwards, we will do some repairs at First Parish and help Joanne Frasier clear out her condo. Men and boys of all ages are welcome. Please let me know if you'd like to be on the mailing list or if you have ideas for future projects. - Chuck Jones, Charles_A_Jones@yahoo.com.

Calling All Gardeners!

Sometime in June we will be walking the grounds and beginning to formulate a landscaping plan. We will decide which area to tackle first and then will develop and implement a plan for that area. Our hope is to have at least one area spruced up by the end of the summer. Should that area be the foundation plantings along the front of the church? The "front yard" along First Parish Road? The Memorial Garden? Other? Please let me know if you would like to participate in the walk-through, or send me suggestions or advice for what you envision for our grounds. - Jean Shildneck jean_shildneck@comcast.net

Around the Parish

Congratulations to our graduates: from Scituate High School **Emily DiPaolo** and **Burak Laciner**. Burak will be studying in the College of Media and Entertainment at Middle Tennessee State University in the fall and Emily majoring in Environmental Science focusing on Wildlife and Conservation Biology at University of Rhode Island... From Archbishop Williams High School, **Jean Didier Bertola**... and from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, **Jill Capodanno**. ... All good wishes to **Darin and Becky Floyd** who were married in May...

Thank UUs: To our outgoing Parish Committee members **Erica Boyle**, **Jenn Mackey**, and **Billy Timmins**... to **Ruth Kuhn** for a thorough clean-up of the kitchen...



Happy Birthday June!

Laura Carson-Laciner	June8
Kay Shaw	June9
Alan Donaldson	June10
Tony Velez	June11
Brian Croke	June17
Brendan Murphy	June18
Mark McGuinness	June19
AnnaSvensen	June 19
Mary McRae	June21
Claire Timmons	June23
Carol Sullivan-Hanley	June24
Taylor Wolffer	June27

June Calendar

Sat. 3rd

8:00 am Men's Ministry

Sun. 4th

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship and RE
11:30 am Kite Flying
12:00 pm Vigil
12:15 pm Finance Committee
5:00 pm Walk and Talk
5:00 pm YG SciCohRock - Norwell

Mon. 5th

7:00 pm UUA Presidential Election mtg

Wed. 7th

10:30 am Fididdlers
7:00 pm Parish Committee

Sat. 10th

9:30 am Minister's Community Office Hours
(Lucky Finn Cafe)

Sun. 11th

9:00 am ChoirRehearsal
10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Vigil
1:00 pm Youth Group
5:00 pm Walk and Talk

Mon. 12th

7:00 pm Meditation

Wed. 14th

10:30 am Fididdlers

Fri. 16th

7:00 pm Scituate Ceilidhe

Sun. 18th

9:00 am ChoirRehearsal
10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Vigil
5:00 pm Walk and Talk

Mon. 19th

10:00 am Minister's Community Office Hours
(Lucky Finn Cafe)
7:00 pm Exploring the Bible

Wed. 21st

10:30 am Fididdlers

Sun. 25th

10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Vigil
5:00 pm Walk and Talk

Wed. 28th

10:30 am Fididdlers

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