



# The Sloop's Log

## May 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 May 7th *Set the Table***

A sermon on radical hospitality. Pamela Barz preaching. Guest musicians Caroline Hine, cello, and Donna Culley, violin, will provide our music this morning. The choir will meet at 9:30 this week. Carol Sullivan-Hanley is the greeter. Ellen Isley is giving the flowers. Coffee hour hosts are still needed. The Scituate Police Department have assured us that the Run4Scituate will not interfere with anyone's ability to get to church that morning.

#### **Sunday May 14 *The Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Barz-Snell, guest preacher***

Yes, the name looks familiar - Jeff is married to Pamela Barz's sister. On the Mother's Day they are exchanging pulpits, with Jeff coming to Scituate and Pam preaching at the First Church Unitarian in Salem, MA, where Jeff has served as the minister since 1998. In addition to an M.Div. from Boston University, Jeff holds a Masters in Public Policy from Tufts University, with a concentration in sustainability and renewable energy policy. As a member of The Climate Reality Project, he is one of 4,000 people around the world who have been personally trained by Al Gore to give presentations on climate change. Please welcome him to First Parish!

The Choir will sing *Ancient Love*.

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

#### **Sunday May 21st *To Be a Beacon***

As we gather for the 383rd (!) Annual Meeting of First Parish, we will celebrate the light which shines out of this community and the warmth we share within it by holding our annual Flower Communion.

As part of the Flower Communion, you are invited to bring a flower for each member of your family (children and adults). The flowers represent the gifts we each bring, no matter our age or abilities, to First Parish.

During the service we will bless the flowers and then receive a different flower in symbol of the gifts we receive from First Parish. In between giving the flowers and receiving them, we will hold our annual meeting.

Children will join us for the beginning and end of the service, but will leave for an activity during middle of the service and for the meeting. The Choir will sing *Dansi na Kuimba*.

We will also celebrate membership anniversaries: Fifty years: **Alma Morrison**; Thirty-five years: **Andy Culbert** and **Janie Culbert**; Twenty-five years: **Sandy Kingsland**; Twenty years: **Lauri Klein**, **Cathie McGowan** and **Michael McGowan**; Fifteen years: **Laura Carson**, **Veronica Amelang**, **Vicki Davis**, and **Kim Ryan**; Ten years: **Carol Sullivan-Hanley** and **Leigh Todd**; Five years: **Julianna Dunn** and **Carey Irely**.

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

#### **Sunday May 28 *Peace Poppies***

Since WWI poppies have been a symbol of those killed in wartime. On this Memorial Day we will remember all who gave their lives in war-time for the sake of peace, and also envision a world of peace. If you would like a family member or friend who died in one of our nation's wars to be remembered in the service, please give

his/her name to Pamela Barz. If you would like to make some simple paperpoppies for this service, please let her know as well. The choir will sing *If Every Woman in the World*. We are in need of people to host the coffee hour, bring flowers, and greet.

### Summer Worship Survey

Over the past few summers we have experimented with holding summer worship on times and dates apart from Sunday morning. To plan for Summer worship this year, the Religious Services Committee invites you to let them know what would fit your schedule and what formats and themes you would like. Please fill out this survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y87YM8B> Paper copies will also be available at the church. Please fill out your survey by May 15. Any questions, please contact Jenn Mackey, Chair of the Religious Services Committee at [jenn\\_mackey@comcast.net](mailto:jenn_mackey@comcast.net)

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### 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 [firstparishsituate@verizon.net](mailto: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>

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### From the Minister

A candle flame, carved wooden hands, an energy stick, and a fork. You might recognize these as the symbols I've offered to the children on recent Sunday mornings as we think about the meaning of our proposed Vision statement: We aspire to be a beacon [the candle flame] of liberal faith [the hands], strong community [the energy stick], and transformative service [the fork] rooted in love [still need a symbol for that— let me know if you have any suggestions!]. The candle reminds us of the beacon light shining out. The open hands of the meaning of the word "liberal" and their posture of prayer and offering of some of the meaning of faith. The fork of the way service feeds those who give and those who receive, healing brokenness, bringing wholeness. And perhaps our communion table itself, on which the symbols rest, is the symbol to remind us of the way love offers a foundation for all our lives. But these are they symbols that I've come up with. What symbols would you use to deepen your understanding of these seventeen words? How might you paint them, dance them, or sculpt them, or sing them? How shall we live them?

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](mailto:pamela.merrill.barz@gmail.com) or 781-412-4233.



### Religious Education (RE News)

*The Religious Education (RE) Committee is starting to plan the curriculum and activities for next year's focus on world religions. Do you have any questions or ideas for the Sunday classes? Would you like to introduce an activity next year? We have great fun with all ages, and it is not a year long commitment. Talk to us in RE!*

#### Sunday, May 7

Grades K-2 - Web of Life & Evolution  
Grades 3-5 - Spring Art Project  
Grades 6-8 - Spring Art Project, continued

#### Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

Grades K-2 - Practicing Loving Kindness  
Grades 3-5 - Earth Interdependence  
Grades 6-7 - Doubt & Skepticism

### **Sunday, May 21**

Grades K-5 - One Room School House for Annual Meeting.  
Grades 6 and up stay in service.

### **Sunday, May 28**

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

### **SciCohRock Senior Youth Group Schedule**

**Sunday, May 7:** Meeting, Scituate 5 pm - 7 pm

**Friday, May 12:** Game Night, followed by Youth Led Service, First Parish Norwell

**Friday, May 19 - Sunday May 21 :** 2 Day Bridging CON, location TBD

**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!

### **Special Upcoming Event - Saturday, May 6 at 6 p.m.**

Saturday Night Hot Dog and Movie Night

Join us for hot dogs, french fries, and slaw. (\$5 per eater, \$15 family cap)

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

Contact us at [bsutton@hotmail.com](mailto:bsutton@hotmail.com) or [pattysutton@gmail.com](mailto:pattysutton@gmail.com)

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## **Church Matters**



### **Notes from Beth Dubuisson**

Thank you to Win Lawson for enhancing the music on Easter Sunday. We are so lucky to have him!

We have a new choir member for the final choir session : Welcome Mary Beaulieu! All singers are welcome to join the choir for the final session which runs until June 18th. We rehearse Sunday mornings 9:00 to 10:00 and usually sing an anthem during the service. To learn the anthems with confidence, it's ideal to attend all the rehearsals during a session.

**May 7th:** We welcome Caroline Hine, cellist, and Donna Culley, violinist. They will offer chamber music and lead the hymns. The choir will meet at **9:30th is week.**

**May 14th:** The choir will sing *Ancient Love*, by Carolyn McDade.

**May 21st:** The Choir will sing *Dansi na Kuimba*, which is Swahili for "Dance and Sing".

**May 28th:** The Choir will sing *If Every Woman in the World* by Karen MacKay. Looking ahead to June: We will have student musicians June 4th, and welcome guest guitarist and singer Peter Mundt on June 25th.

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## **Spring Fair - Saturday May 13th 9 am - 1 pm**

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Scituate is holding its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, May 13 from 9am to 1pm. Please help supply and staff our Botanical, Baked, Boot, and Beautiful Things Sale! Donations of the following are welcome:

- Plants - divided perennials, annuals or veggies from seed, houseplants, plant pots and containers, etc. Please identify your plant to the best of your ability (common and/or scientific name, light requirements, bloom color, etc.) A plastic knife stuck in the plant works well. Plants may be left at the church on the back lawn any time during the week prior to the Spring Fair.
- Baked Goods – cookies, brownies, cupcakes, whoopee pies, etc. Please wrap your items and include a suggested sale price.

- Beautiful Things – crafts and handmade goods, especially items for spring or related to plants.
- Boot – Please bring your yard sale items and plan to sell them from the “boot” of your car. You must stay or partner with a friend to sell your items, donating a suggested minimum of 50% of your proceeds to the church. All unsold items are to be removed from church property at the end of the day.
- Volunteers – to serve as point person for each category of the sale and to help on the day of the sale.

Please contact Jenn Mackey, Jean Shildneck, Erica Boyle, Alma Morrison, or Vicki Davis if you have any questions.

## ***We Look Forward to:***

June 4	Kite Flying
June 1	All-Church Goal Setting Retreat at the Maritime Center
June 18	Coming of Age Recognition Sunday
June 25	Summer Picnic
July 11	Community potluck supper and Baldwin book discussion

## ***Notes From the Parish Committee***

### ***Annual Pre-Meeting, Sunday May 7th***

This Sunday, May 7th, please join us after church in the couch area to review this year's Annual Report and the Budget for next year. This is a casual meeting and a good forum to ask questions and give feedback. First Parish Moderator Mike McGowan and Parish Committee members will be on hand to lead the meeting and field questions. Annual Reports are available on the members only section of the website. Please print out and bring your own copy. Only a few hard copies of the report will be available for reference. The Annual Meeting, which is run by Robert's Rules and is much more structured, will take place on Sunday, May 21st.

-Ann Svensen and Billy Timmins, Parish Committee Co-Chairs

## ***Opportunities for Spiritual Deepening***

### ***Come to Community Office Hours with the Minister***

Monday May 15, 1:30–2:30 p.m.  
 Saturday May 27, 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
 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.

### ***Dinner and a Movie***

On Saturday, May 6 at 6 p.m., the RE Committee invites everyone to come watch the 2013 Japanese anime film *The Wind Rises* (in English) with all your First Parish friends. The movie is rated PG-13 for some wartime scenes and for showing characters smoking. Hot dogs, veggie dogs, French fries, and slaw will be served. If you would like to drink something other than water, please bring your own favorite drink.

\$5/person, \$15 cap for family (or what you can offer). All proceeds above expenses will go to the church.

RSVP helpful: you can respond on the Friends of First Parish Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/180441536908/> or by emailing Patty or Brian Sutton, RE Committee Co-Chairs, [pattysutton@gmail.com](mailto:pattysutton@gmail.com) and [brsutton@hotmail.com](mailto:brsutton@hotmail.com).

### ***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. May sessions are on Mondays 5/8 and 5/22. All are welcome. Email Brian or Patty Sutton with any questions at [brsutton@hotmail.com](mailto:brsutton@hotmail.com) or [pattysutton@gmail.com](mailto:pattysutton@gmail.com).

### ***Unity/Alliance Spring Dinner***

The Unity/Alliance Spring dinner will be held on May 10th. Gather beginning at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at 7 p.m.. All women of the church are invited. The hostesses for the evening, Carol Sullivan, Jenn Mackey, Ruth Kuhn, Donna Cogliano, and Sandy Kingsland, will provide the dinner. Everyone else is asked to contribute \$5.00 to cover the cost of the meal. If you would like to be a member of the Unity/Alliance, annual dues are \$10.00. -Roxanne Greim, President

### ***Sunday Walk and Talk***

Walk and Talk will be starting at 5pm starting May 7th. We will continue meeting at Sands Hill parking lot. Would anybody like to be point personsome week? Also is anybody interested in other places like Norris, Turkey Hill or Worlds End? Please feel free to email Tracey Timmins if you would like to be on the "point person team" or you would like to go to a different place. - Tracy Timmins

## ***Understanding the Issues of ourTimes***

On Thursday May 25 at 7 p.m., we will discuss *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. You may also watch her TED Talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5nqN8tmfok>. Debby Irving wrote about the reason for her book, "I'm a white woman, raised in Winchester, Massachusetts during the socially turbulent 1960s and '70s. After a blissfully sheltered, upper-middle-class suburban childhood, I found myself simultaneously intrigued and horrified by the racial divide I observed in Boston. From 1984 to 2009 my work in urban neighborhoods and schools left me feeling helpless. Why did people live so differently along racial lines? Why were student outcomes so divergent? Why did I get so jumpy when talking to a person of color? Where did the fear of saying something stupid or offensive come from, and why couldn't I make it go away? The more I tried to understand racial dynamics, the more confused I became." This book chronicles the questions, interactions, conversations, and experiences which helped her understand herself as part of "the story of race." The book is available through the OCLN library system and on Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/Waking-White-Finding-Myself-Story/dp/0991331303>). More information is available on Debby Irving's website, <http://www.debbyirving.com/>.

## ***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 and conversation.

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## ***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 May 6, breakfast is at Jamie's Pub. Afterwards, some will put in install screens at a home while others will caulk and do other repairs at First Parish. 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](mailto:Charles_A_Jones@yahoo.com).

### ***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.

### ***White Socks for the Homeless***

For the past two years we have collected socks for the homeless at Christmas time. The collection will now be year-round. Please donate socks for women or for men, placing them in the basket in the Old Sloop Room. Socks will be distributed through Haley House and Rosie's Place in Boston with the help of Karen and Karsten Frey. - Kay Shaw

### ***Scituate Food Pantry – Post Office Food Drive Saturday May 13***

The Scituate Food Pantry provided over 200 Scituate families with over 6,000 bags of food last year! This Post Office Drive is our major source of food donations. We need volunteers age 15 or older on the 13th to help us sort and pack the donations at the Food Pantry, located at the Masonic Temple, 344 Country Way, that day 1-4 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Help is especially needed during the later shift.

If you haven't helped at this event before, you are requested to attend a brief training session either Wednesday, May 10th at 7PM or Thursday, May 11th at 10AM at the Food Pantry.

If you can help, please send an email to [foodpantrynote@gmail.com](mailto:foodpantrynote@gmail.com) indicating your shift preference and whether you will attend one of the training sessions.

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## ***Around the Parish***

Welcome to the world to **Sophia Forbes Nelson**, daughter of Jessica Boyle and Tom Nelson, and granddaughter of Erica Boyle. Sophia was born on April 26 and weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. at birth.... Welcome to First Parish to our new members **Anna DaSilva**, **Mark DaSilva**, **Doug Dziedzic**, **Jen McGonagle Dziedzic**, **Suzanne Oliver**, and **Meryl Pinette**. They, along with **William Clarke** who officially joined the church in September, were welcomed into our membership on Sunday April 9.... Healing wishes to **Liam Glennon** who had his appendix removed on April 29. He is recuperating at home but not happy at sitting out soccer and baseball this season.... A service of celebration for the life of **Gil Wilder** will be held at First Parish on Saturday May 20 at 11 a.m. All are invited to remember Gil and his many contributions to the life of our

church and our town.

**Thank UUs:** To Alma Morrison and Ray DesRoches for hosingthe Celebration Dinner in their home... to Howard Mathews and Jenn Mackey for leading the Earth Care service and to all who followed that service by caring for our piece of Earth...to Win Lawson for his trombone music on Easter Sunday... to Ayhan Laciner, Alan Donaldson, and Ray DesRoches for their woodworking in the Old Sloop Room.... to Oliver Jones and David Sutton for putting on the Easter Egg hunt... to Sarah and Bob Murdock for hosting the Membership lunch on April 2... to all who brought in food for our Food Pantry wall. We didn't amass 1,000 items, but the 240 packages we collected contain about 1,000 servings.



## Happy Birthday! May

Michael Feeney	May 2
Pia Bertola	May 7
Ray DesRoches	May 7
Sophie Bokavich	May 8
Toni Bokavich	May 8
Rhonda Gorski	May 9
Dani Tyrche	May 9
Brit Davis	May 10
Vicki Davis	May 10
Sage Warner	May 12
Michaela DiPaola	May 12
Karen Frey	May 23
Allen Hale	May 23
Jill Capodanno	May 24
Sandy Kingsland	May 24
Kim Ryan	May 24
Rich Stower	May 25
Ann Hale	May 29

## May Calendar

### Wed. 3rd

10:30 am Fididdlers  
7:00 pm Parish Committee

### Sat. 6th

8:00 am Men's Ministry  
6:00 pm Dinner and Movie Night

### Sun. 7th

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship and RE  
11:45 am Pre-Annual Meeting discussion  
12:00 pm Vigil  
5:00 pm Walk and Talk  
5:00 pm YG SciCohRock - Scituate

### Mon. 8th

7:00 pm Meditation

### Wed. 10th

### Fri. 19th

7:00 pm Scituate Ceilidhe

### Sat. 20th

11:00 am Gil Wilder Memorial  
1:00 pm Ryan Walsh Memorial

### Sun. 21st

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship, RE, Annual Meeting  
12:00 pm Vigil  
5:00 pm Walk and Talk

### Mon. 22nd

7:00 pm Meditation

### Wed. 24th

10:30 am Fididdlers  
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Craft Group

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

**Fri. 12th**  
evening Annual youth service - Norwell

**Sat. 13th**  
9:00 pm Spring Fair

**Sun. 14th**  
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship and RE  
12:00 pm Vigil  
5:00 pm Walk and Talk

**Mon. 15th**  
1:30 pm Minister's Community Office Hours  
(Lucky Finn Cafe)  
7:00 pm Exploring the Bible

**Wed. 17th**  
10:30 am Fiddlers

**Thurs. 25th**  
7:00 pm Understanding the Issues of  
Our Times

**Sat. 27th**  
9:30 am Minister's Community Office Hours  
(Lucky Finn Cafe)

**Sun. 28th**  
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship  
12:00 pm Vigil  
5:00 pm Walk and Talk

**Wed. 31st**  
10:30 am Fiddlers

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