

The Bell-Ringer

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



JANUARY 2013

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Jan. 12: "Stories of Families" – Join us for one of the most exciting services of the year. Storyteller, Cindy Rivka Marshall will be our special guest in worship followed by our Intergenerational Ancestor Luncheon. **See Inside.**

Jan. 19: The Tragedy of Modern Slavery - As we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us remember that the work is not done. Modern slavery and human trafficking is a reality in our world today.

Jan. 26: Hop On the Bus -- Why You Should Attend GA In Providence This June! Catherine will be joined by our Denominational Affairs Committee as we look deeply at our Fifth Principle, especially in light of our General Assembly in Providence RI this June---a wonderful opportunity for all to experience the democratic governance of our UU movement in action!

Feb 2nd: "Service in Our Lives"

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JAN 8

Building & Grounds 10:00a.m.
Kindred Spirits 10:00-11:30a.m.
Communications Mtg.
R.E. Meeting 7:00p.m.

THURSDAY JAN 9

Book Club 9:00a.m.
Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.
Governing Board Agenda 7:00-8:00p.m.

SUNDAY JAN 12

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.
Worship 10:30a.m.
Social Justice 9:00a.m.
ANCESTOR POT LUCK LUNCHEON
Ga Parent/Youth Mtg 5:15p.m.
HIP 6-7:30p.m.

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30p.m.

MONDAY JAN 13

Meeting at the Moon 6:30-8:00p.m.
Finance Mtg. 7:00p.m.
Bible Group 7:00-8:30p.m.

TUESDAY JAN 14

Memoirs 7:15p.m.
Bell Choir 7-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY JAN 15

Membership Comm. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY JAN 16

Book Club 9:00 a.m.
ALLIANCE POTLUCK 12:00noon
Govern. Board Meeting 7-9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY JAN 19

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Stewardship 12:00noon
Denomin. Affairs Mtg. 12:00 noon
HIP 6:00-7:30p.m.
Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

We need to talk.

I know you are planning to start a diet next Wednesday. I used to start diets, too. I hated to mention this to my then-therapist. She would say cheerfully, "Oh, that's great, honey. How much weight are you hoping to gain?" I am at least five pounds up--but praise be to God, I do not currently have a scale, because as I've said before, getting on a scale is like asking Dick Cheney to give you a sense of your own self-worth. I can still get my jeans on, for one reason: I wear forgiving pants. The world is too hard as it is, without letting your pants have an opinion on how you are doing. I struggle with enough self-esteem issues without letting my jeans get in on the act....So please join me in not starting a diet January 1st. ---Annie Lamott

It's that time of year—time to make NEW YEARS' RESOLUTIONS! The pressure is on to set goals and make aspirations for how we can "improve" ourselves this year. And a special focus in our society seems to me on our "less-than-perfect" bodies.

I am Facebook friends with the writer Annie Lamott (well, me and a several thousand other folks). And I just loved her recent posting for the New Year and her final advice:

*If you are not okay with yourself at 185, you will not be okay at 150, or even 135. **The self-respect and serenity you long for is not out there. It's within.**I'll leave you with this:*

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A liberal religious community dedicated to nurturing individual spiritual development, promoting understanding and working for social justice. We welcome people of all races, backgrounds and sexual orientations.

Rev. Catherine Cullen, Minister
Sunsue Fleming, Director of Religious Education
Edwin Swanborn, Music Director
Elaine Stephansky, Bell Choir Director

Rev. Robert R. Walsh, Minister Emeritus
Jackie Smith-Miller, Director of Religious Education, Emerita
Lenore O'Malley, Church Administrator
Alex Pevzner, Jr., Junior Choir Director

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...(cont. from pg. 1)

I've helped some of the sturdier women at my church get healthy, by suggesting they prepare each meal as if they had asked our beloved pastor to lunch or dinner. They wouldn't say, "Here Pastor--let's eat standing up in the kitchen. This tube of Pringles is ALL for you."

And then stand there gobbling from their own tubular container.

*No, they'd get out pretty dishes, and arrange wonderful foods on the plates, and set one plate at the table, filled with happiness, love, pride and connection. **That's what we have longed for, our whole lives, and get to create, now, or on the 1st. Wow!***

My dear friend, my New Year's prayer for you is that your "resolutions" include treating yourself (and those around you) gently, kindly and with lots of love. Nourish your *spirit*, as well as your body. Know that you are "imperfectly" perfect, just as you are—you are loveable and you are loved.

*And if we keep these "resolutions" this year, I know we will each leave our little corner of the world a little better than we found it on December 31, 2013—
 Blessings for much happiness, peace and love in 2014!*

Catherine



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Intergenerational Service **Sunday January 12th**



Story teller Cindy Rivka Marshall will be joining us with stories for all ages. She has performed and presented workshops since 1989 throughout New England, nationally and in England. This should be a wonderful service with stories about families.

Ancestor Lunch **Sunday, January 12th, 2013 12:00noon – 1:00 p.m.**

Our Play unit this year is centered on Families. Everyone in the church is invited to an ancestor lunch. Bring a dish to share for our potluck ancestor lunch. It is a time to remember and celebrate those who came before. Bring a dish that represents either your ancestral heritage or a relative who has passed and a short story or explanation to share. This is both a fun and meaningful event, giving us the space to remember our loved ones in community and in celebration.

Church School Play – “Our Family Tree”

Each year during the middle unit of our church school, the children in grades 2-6 explore a theme and then prepare a play or program on that theme for the congregation. This year our play will be presented on **Sun., Feb. 9th, 10:30 a.m.**

Attendance during this Unit is Very Important

Sun., Jan. 12	Story Teller, Ancestor Lunch
Sun., Jan. 19	Play rehearsal – scenery
Sun., Jan. 26	Play rehearsal – scenery
Sun., Feb. 2nd	9:30-12:00 noon Play Rehearsal in Sanctuary

****Sat., Feb. 9, 2013****

Dress Rehearsal

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 9, 2014

Rehearsal - **9 a.m.**

Church School Play - **10:30 a.m.**

Dancers Rehearsals

Jan. 26th, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Feb. 2nd, 9 a.m.

Feb. 9th, 8:30 a.m.

Adult Religious Education

If you have any questions, please call Sunsue Fleming (781) 934-6532, ext 4. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the church office.

MEMOIRS

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 14th, 2014** – To welcome in the new year, we will be sharing stories about **“Doors”** in our lives. Hope you can join us!

UU CAMPS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS

Within a few hours of First Parish there are several wonderful UU Camps and Conference Centers. Come learn about Star Island, Ferry Beach, Rowe Conference Center, and Cedar Hill. **Leader: Sunsue Fleming, Mon., Jan. 27, 7 p.m.**

Soul Collage

Mix Imagination and intuition with a group of powerful, “cut-out” Images and you can make a Soul College card. Soul Collage is a process developed by Seena B. Frost, in which you create an incredible deck of cards that have deep personal meaning. With these cards you can explore your inner self and nourish your precious soul. Sign-up sheet is posted outside the office.

Leader: Sunsue Fleming This class will meet 7:00–8:30 p.m. Friday, January 31st

BINGO NIGHT

Sunday – January 26th, 2013, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

COME ONE! COME ALL!



On **Sun., Jan. 26, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**, your favorite youth group, H.I.P., will be sponsoring a fun-filled and spectacular night of Bingo and food! Enjoy a spaghetti dinner and some top-rate **BINGO** action while supporting the H.I.P. Youth Group! The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. (Family max. = \$25). Be advised that prizes will not be cash. Bring the family and be prepared for an evening of food, **BINGO** and entertainment! Tickets will be on sale during Coffee Hour in January.

H.I.P. Youth Group

Bingo Prizes Needed

Bingo prizes are needed. **NEW** or **NEARLY NEW** items, appropriate for all ages, are needed for this popular event. Questions, please call Sunsue.

GA Meeting

Members of our "HIP" youth group are considering going together to the UUA General Assembly in Providence, RI. The Assembly meets from June 25th-29th.

There will be a **parent and youth meeting**
Sunday, January 12th at 5:15p.m.

If you're HIP member is considering going to GA, it will be mandatory to attend this meeting or arrange another time to meet. For more information about UUA General Assembly, please visit www.uua.org/ga or call me at 781-934-6532, ext. #4. *Sunsue*

Pageant DVD's For Sale

DVD's of the Holiday Pageant are for sale for \$10. If you would like one, please contact Sunsue.

Announcement of Our New Youth Advisor

On behalf of the RE Committee and the Youth advisor search committee, I am pleased to announce that we have found the perfect youth advisor!

After months of advertising throughout the district and on Craig's list we found someone in our own backyard, Dawn MacKechnie! Dawn as many of you know comes with extensive youth group experience and enthusiasm. In addition to many youth leadership roles at First Parish and within our District, Dawn has been a youth leader at General Assembly and co-led a workshop on young adult programming at Star Island.

When the search committee interviewed Dawn, Steve Cunningham, myself and Greg Welch were confident that she was an outstanding candidate, and that we would be lucky to have her in this position. After thoughtful review and to ensure that we comply with our safe congregation values, the RE Committee with support by the Board has decided that Dawn will report directly to the Chair of the RE committee. We firmly believe that having a young adult that has a deep commitment and a broad understanding of Unitarian Universalism youth will add additional depth and excitement to the program! Please join me in welcoming Dawn! If you have any questions or concerns, please call me. Sincerely, Tracy Wagner
 Chair of RE Committee



Ringing Out Justice!

News of social justice activities at First Parish Church



To My Friends at FPC,

Once again the generosity of this parish shines. As a board member of The Table at Father Bills, I want to say thanks to everyone for the Special Thanksgiving Collection. The funds donated will improve the daily operation at The Table with professional kitchen knives, resolved plumbing issues and upgraded guest comforts.

Again, I say thank you to all, what a wonderful congregation & best wishes for a happy & prosperous 2014!!

Bob Hughes



Father Bill's

Every year in January, **Bob Hughes and Father Bill's** participate in a homeless census. Bob likes to pass out socks and hats to people he meets. We will be collecting these items the next few Sundays and all donations are welcome. Thanks



Callie Brandeis has taken over the responsibility of coordinating the **Community Table**. She will be looking for volunteers to prepare food and to serve the fourth Saturday of every month. Welcome Callie!

MONDAY JAN. 20

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

DIC Breakfast 8:30a.m.

Box Project

Meetings at the Moon 6:30-8:00p.m.

Bible Group 7:00p.m.

TUESDAY JAN. 21

SGM Steering 4:30p.m.

Bell Choir 7-8:30p.m.

Historical Committee 7:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY JAN. 22

Growth Team 7:00p.m.

THURSDAY JAN. 23

Book Club 9:00 a.m.

Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY JAN. 24**COMMITTEE CHAIRS SOCIAL**

At Cedar Hill 6:00-9:00p.m.

SATURDAY JAN. 25

Leap of Faith 12:00noon

Soup Kitchen 9-1:00p.m.

Community Table 9:30a.m.

SUNDAY JAN. 26

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

HIP BINGO 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Buddhist Group 5-6:30 p.m.

MONDAY JAN. 27

Building Use Mtg. 11:00a.m.

Meetings at the Moon 6:30-8:00p.m.

UU Camp & Conf. Center 7:00p.m.

Bible Group 7:00p.m.

TUESDAY JAN. 28

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.

THURSDAY JAN. 30

Book Club 9:00 a.m.

Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY JAN. 31

AUCTION SET-UP

Soul Collage 7:00-8:30p.m.

CARING CONNECTION:

There are many caring members of our church community who are willing to lend a hand to those having a difficult time! The Caring Connection can coordinate meals, transportation, babysitting or visits to shut-ins. For the month of **JAN.**, please contact **KATHY BRAY**. For **FEB.**, please contact **REJEANA PARKER**.

**Minister's Office Hours:**

Catherine has been on vacation, and is returning January 12th. She will be visiting her daughter in Thailand, and will be somewhat out-of-touch. In her absence, pastoral concerns and emergencies will be covered by our **Student Minister Tom Bozeman**.

Catherine's regular office hours are **Mon., Wed., and Thur.** from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Tuesdays are her days off and Friday's are her sermon writing days. She may be contacted by cell. If you need to schedule an appointment during office hours or any time after office hours, please feel free to contact Catherine at TheRevCatherine@aol.com, at her cell number, or by leaving a message at the church.

Church Office Hours

The FPC church office is open **Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Our email address is uuduxbury@verizon.net. If you need anything, please call Lenore and I will be happy to help you.

****Note:** If anyone would like to answer the phones on **Thursday, January 16th**, from approx. **9:00-12:00p.m.**, please let Lenore know. If you can only do part of that time, it would be a great help too! Thank you.

People News

SARAH MORAN is recovering from knee surgery. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Next Bell-Ringer Deadline:
Monday, Feb. 3rd, 2013 9:00 a.m.

ON-GOING CHURCH MEETINGS

SUNDAYS - Family/Child Sunday (1st Sun. each month)

Joys & Concerns (2nd Sun. each month)

Announcement Sunday (1st & 3rd Sun. each month)

Silent Joys & Concerns (4th Sun. each month)

Music Committee (1st Sun. each month) 12 p.m.

Social Justice 9 a.m. (2nd Sun. each month)

Welcoming Congregation 9:30 a.m. (3rd Sun. each month)

Denominational Affairs 12:00 (3rd Sun.)

Buddhist Meditation 6-7:30p.m.

MONDAYS - Build. Use 11 a.m. (4th Mon. each month)

Finance Committee 7 p.m. (2nd Mon. each month)

TUESDAYS - Hand Bells 7 p.m.

Historical 7 p.m. (3rd Tue. each month)

Memoirs 7:00p.m. (2nd Tues. each month)

WEDNESDAYS – RE Committee

7 p.m. (1st Wed. of each month)

Staff meeting 1 p.m. (weekly)

Buildings & Grounds 9-11 a.m. (1st Wed. each month)

“Kindred Spirits” 10-11:30 p.m. (2nd Wed. each month)

Membership 7:30 p.m. (3rd Wed. each month)

THURSDAYS - Book Group 9 a.m.

Sewing Group 10 a.m.

Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. (1st Thurs. each month)

Agenda Setting 7-8 p.m. (2nd Thurs. each month)

Governing Board 7 p.m. (3rd Thurs. each month)

FRIDAYS - Committee On Ministry

5 p.m. (1st Fri. each month)

SATURDAYS - Brockton Soup Kitchen

9:15 a.m. (4th Sat. each month)



*Please Join in
A Celebration of the Life of Bonnie Jernigan-Smith
Saturday, January 18th, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
Following the service, there will be a reception in
the Harvey Assembly Hall immediately following
the service.*

*****If you can help out with Finger Foods
(sandwiches, sweets, etc.) or with serving at
the reception,***

*please let **Lenore** know at 781-934-6532 or
uuduxbury@verizon.net and she will pass the
word to our Women's and Men's Alliance, who
are providing the reception.*

***“Interning Grace”
“An Update On My Credentialing”
by Tom Bozeman, Intern Minister***

As many of you know, I recently had my interview with the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) – one of the steps toward becoming a denominationally-acknowledged UU minister. I'd like to update you all on how that went. To do so, however, I'll need to provide some institutional background.

Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of what's called “congregational polity” – that, unlike many other churches (such as the Catholic and Presbyterian churches), we do not have any authority higher than the individual congregations. It has actually been argued by a number of scholars over the years that our congregational polity is more core to our identity than any particular beliefs we may share. One aspect of this primacy of congregational polity is that each congregation is free to ordain into ministry whomever it chooses and through whatever processes it deems appropriate.

Continuation of “Interning Grace”, “An Update On My Credentialing” by Tom Bozeman, Intern Minister

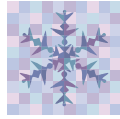
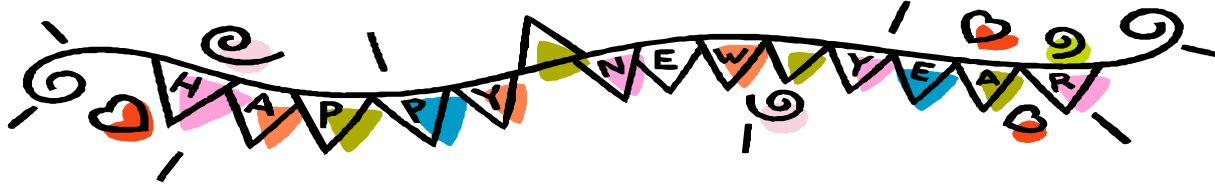
But congregational polity is not merely about each congregation getting to do what it wants – and this is where things get sticky: How are we to work together? On a great many fronts, there is no easy answer to such a question. On the one hand, we want each congregation to be able to “walk together” in whatever way that fits their spiritual journey. On the other hand, we want to hold our faith to particular standards with regard to, for instance, being inclusive of everyone without regard to sexual orientation. So how in the world can we honor both the authority of the individual congregation and the standards of the larger denomination?

The solution that's been arrived at with regard to the credentialing of UU ministers is this: as noted above, each individual congregation can ordain whomever, through whatever processes it deems appropriate. However, there is a separate credentialing process (in addition to ordination) that the denomination has instituted: fellowship. In most ways, it's completely independent from the ordination process. And, while standards for ordination vary from congregation to congregation, the fellowshiping process is the same across the denomination, involving a number of stages through which a potential minister passes: Aspirant, Candidate, Preliminary Fellow, Fellow. (The latter two are names that I made up, since I'm not sure if there are official titles for those two stages.) In order to move through all of those stages, someone needs to have completed: a Master Of Divinity degree, one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education, an extensive career assessment, an internship, a slew of essays and letters of recommendation and statements of competency and other such paperwork, an interview with a Regional Subcommittee On Candidacy (RSCC), an interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC), and three years of ministry in “preliminary fellowship” (with all the attendant evaluations and paperwork).

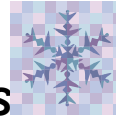
The interview with the MFC occurs at the threshold of the passage from the Candidate stage to the Preliminary Fellow stage, and this is where I am at in the process. There are a number of different responses that the MFC can have to any particular Candidate, from a total green light (proceed to the next stage) to a total red light (exit the process). The response I got was at neither extreme. Rather, I was told that I seemed to have the makings of a minister and that there were a few areas that they wanted me to work on and to come back and see them again once I'd done so. I'm now working with Revs. Cullen and King and the Intern Committee on how exactly we'll do that.

To be clear, then, it's not really a pass/fail process. And, while the process has slowed down more than I had hoped, not much else has changed. I'm still very much in preparation for UU ministry and looking toward continual growth around developing my capacity for excellence in ministry. Even once I do move on from being a Candidate, I'll still have another 3+ years to go before I'm able to be fully credentialed by the denomination. It's a long road to being a minister – as it should be, I think.

So, in sum, along with whatever misgivings I may have about the denomination's credentialing process as it currently stands, I'm actually also appreciating the clarity of focus that has come with their feedback. And I look forward to spending the remainder of my internship with the good folks at the Duxbury and Kingston congregations.



SNOW CANCELLATIONS



If we have to cancel church for our Sunday service, please check the message that is on the church's phone or in the local media outlets. We will try to use WATD Marshfield, WBZ Channel 4, WCVB Channel 5, and also Channel 7NEWS.

BOX PROJECT HELP NEEDED

One Box Project group is in need of an additional contributor beginning in January. Please contact Marilyn Christmann, if you would like to be part of this worthwhile project.

Partner Church Special Collection

Our relationship with our Partner Church in Nyaradszereda, Transylvania remains an important commitment made by our congregation nearly 14 years ago. For 10 years, we have stayed in touch with the minister, Rev Szilard Sandor, with two visits and many e-mails. We plan to bring Szilard here this year to attend GA which he is very pleased to do. He will stay with us and commute with us to Providence. The Partner Church Committee will plan events so as many of you as possible can meet Szilard. The **special collection** on **January 26th** will be used to pay for Szilard's plane fare and other travel expenses.

Leap of Faith

The weekend of January 24th the six members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord New Hampshire "Aspiring Congregation" team will be visiting First Parish Church. Our Leap of Faith team will host our guests at Cedar Hill and we will bring them together with many of our congregants throughout the weekend. Some of the team will arrive Friday night to participate in our Committee Chair meeting. On Saturday they will visit our church, have lunch with those we have interviewed via video and then meet with the Governing Board in the afternoon. The day will conclude with dinner with the Governing Board and their spouses. Sunday they will attend church and we will wrap up the weekend with lunch after church.

Leap of Faith Team: Sharon Nabreski, Catherine Cullen, Nancy Landgren, Steve Cunningham, Peter Nappellio



Service Auction, February 1, 2014

Don't Forget The Biannual First Parish Service Auction and Gourmet Dinner Is Coming Soon

5:30-6:30 p.m. Wine & Cheese

6:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner and Auction

Those who came two years ago will surely want to come again; and those who missed it last time around simply must come this time so they won't have to wonder for two more years about what they missed. It is a really fun evening, and you really don't want to miss it. But space is limited-so buy your tickets now for \$10.00, at the Church Office. And don't forget to donate a service-something that we be fun for you and fun and/or helpful to the lucky winning bidder.

Auction Donation form is below.

We need your Service, so let your imagination run wild, and DONATE!

Auction Donation Form

First Parish Church Service Auction

How can I donate? Think of something you are good at or like to do. Describe the service you would like to provide. Fill out this form or go to the First Parish Church website and fill it out online. Additional forms will be available in the church office or in the parlor after church Sundays in January.

Name:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Type of Service:

Description of Service:

Time Frame of Service:

Are you Willing to Offer Multiples of this Item:

Suggested Minimum Bid:

Additional Information:

Return Forms to Church Office. Thank you!

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

The Communications Committee is here to help with all church related communications needs. Want to learn how to use the Church's facebook page? Want issue a public service announcement about an event? Feel that a picture of a Church function or activity would look great in the newspaper? Have any questions about press releases or the use of social media for our Church? Please contact any member of the Communications Committee for help. We're as excited about our church as you are and we're here to help you spread the news.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

The Communications Committee,
Lois Wood - Chair, Ruth Phillips Oakland - Vice Chair, Troy Reilly, Gary Stanton and Colleen Wainwright

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW: JANUARY 18, 2013

THE DUXBURY SENIOR CENTER AND THE DUXBURY INTERFAITH COUNCIL TEAM UP FOR "BLACK TIE BINGO: TO RAISE REVENUE FOR THOSE WHO NEED FUEL ASSISTANCE

Black Tie Bingo is not your average Bingo game at the Duxbury Senior Center. This time, it has a higher purpose, raising money for those in need of fuel assistance. In partnership with the Duxbury Interfaith Council this fundraiser is for people of all ages and backgrounds who are without heat, in what is typically a very long and cold winter.

Not paying for medications, or not paying rent or the monthly mortgage as a replacement for fuel, can cause unbearable strain. Both organizations see this on a daily basis, as we help the record number of families applying for assistance in 2012-2013. The cutbacks in the program have created additional strain, and we hope to fill some gaps.

Black Tie Bingo offers hope to everyone struggling with these problems without giving up other of life's necessities, and will do so by holding this unique fundraiser that includes people, young and old, in Duxbury. Local business have generously contributed \$250 to be bingo game sponsors or by offering gift certificates for game winners. From door prizes to appetizers and desserts, January 18th can change the lives of your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Tickets can be purchased for \$50 a person at the Senior Center or at Westwinds Bookstore. The event takes place on January 18th from 6-10 PM at the Senior Center. All are welcome to help support this very important cause!

2014 – Get Ready for The UUA General Assembly in Providence
Mark your Calendar!

Have you ever been to a UUA General Assembly – the GA? Do you know what happens at the GA? The Denominational Affairs Committee is making plans to take advantage of this year's GA in our back yard – Providence RI- from 25 to 29 June 2014.

Sunday service on January 26th will highlight our developing plans for this opportunity. First Parish will coordinate and fund bus transport for people to attend the Sunday Worship Service on the final day - June 29th. The GA marketplace will also be open that day. We are also planning a lottery to fund one first time attendee for the full GA.

The Ballou Channing District's publication BCD GA BLAST promotes many good ideas for preparation for and participation in the 2014 GA. The Denominational Affairs Committee welcomes your ideas and participation! Our next meeting is Sunday the 19th at noon in the parlor. Please join us!

Jeanne Marie Penvenne, Chair, Denominational Affairs

News from the Membership Committee

1) To those committed friends who are part of our wonderful congregation but haven't signed the membership book yet, we would like to point out some benefits of membership to you, your families and our church including:

- furthering your spiritual commitment
- voting at congregational meetings
- receiving the UU World Magazine
- participating on lay leadership committees
- reduced fees for weddings, funerals, and/or rental of church space

Please contact Rev. Catherine Cullen at 781-934-6532 ext. 3 or send her an e-mail at therevcatherine@aol.com to set up your appointment!

Yes, we think you fit here. Yes, we need you. Yes, there are advantages to joining. Yes, it's a great new year's resolution. Yes, by signing the book you help keep our congregation vital and growing together with all the other members!

2) The new picture directory is well on its way but we are able to include more pictures. If you missed out on having your picture taken but would still like to be included, the Membership Committee will take pictures after the service on January 12, 19 and 26.

Caroline Mitchell,
on behalf of the Membership Committee

uuduxburymembership@gmail.com



Chinese Jackets?

Julie Lillys is helping with the costumes for our First Parish Church children's February play. If you have an Asian jacket or a robe we could borrow for the dress rehearsal and play- and take good care of - please call Julie. Thank you.