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



OUR ALL CHURCH THEME FOR MAY IS "EMBODIMENT"!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7-- "Wisdom, Compassion and Peace--Living In Turbulent Times"---Our church-wide theme this month is "Embodiment." How can we embody wisdom, compassion and peace during the difficult times in our lives--and our world?

May 14 -- "Celebrating our Grandmothers"---This Mothers' Day we will honor grandmothers (and great-grandmothers!--those special women in our lives. **LET'S DECORATE OUR ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE WITH PHOTOS OR OBJECTS THAT REMIND YOU OF THE PERSON YOU THINK OF AS "GRANDMOTHER!" (SHARE THE PLATE TODAY FOR "CROSSROADS FOR KIDS")**

May 21 -- "Balloon Sunday"--- A service for the whole family. The service will include recognition, appreciation, and celebration of our wonderful volunteers and our young people's exciting transitions to the future. Picnic following Worship and all church picture at 12 p.m.

May 28 -- "Life as Improv--what we can learn from JAZZ"---Once again we welcome back the Williams College Reunion Jazz Band (THANKS FRED CLIFFORD!) for worship service of special music. **BRING YOUR MEMORIAL DAY GUESTS!!**

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY MAY 2

Small Group 10:00-11:30a.m.
R.E. Meeting 7:00p.m.
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!!

Building & Grounds 9:00a.m.

THURSDAY MAY 4

Book Club 9:00a.m.
Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.
Worship/Music 7:00p.m.

FRIDAY MAY 5

YOGA 10:30-11:45a.m.
Committee on Ministry 5:00p.m.
COFFEEHOUSE 7:00p.m.

SATURDAY MAY 6

DIC - Holy Family 9:00a.m.

SUNDAY MAY 7

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am
Worship 10:30a.m.
Buddhist Group 4:00-6:30p.m.

MONDAY MAY 8

Welcome Congregation 7:00p.m.
SSHAGLY 7:00-9:00pm

TUESDAY MAY 9

Small Group 11:00-12:00pm
Memoirs 7:15p.m.
Systems & Technology 7:30pm
Bell Choir 7:00-8:30p.m.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Stand by this faith. Work for it and sacrifice for it. There is nothing in all the world so important as to be loyal to this faith.

--Rev Olympia Brown

(first woman ordained in the Universalist tradition)

My Dear Friends,

As the great songwriter John Denver once wrote, "Hey, it's good to be back home again"--**AND IT SURE IS!!**

My sabbatical was filled with a variety of experiences, many of which I'll be sharing about next Sunday at worship. I made progress on my writing for my Doctor of Ministry. My topic is: **"How Unitarian Universalism in New England Is Responding to Growing Numbers of "Spiritual, But Religious," folks who are spiritual seekers but are reluctant to try what we here at First Parish have discovered is the best way to nourish our spiritual lives--CHURCH.**

My research continues to convince me that our Unitarian Universalist tradition provides the best opportunity for progressive liberal seekers to both grow their souls and help repair the world. The problem is that our UUA is currently undergoing a time of chaos and transition greater than any in its history.

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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

Ruth Owen, Interim Director of Religious Education

Edwin Swanborn, Music Director

Elaine Stephansky, Bell Choir Director

Alex Pevzner, Jr., Junior Choir Director

Rev. Robert R. Walsh, Minister Emeritus

Jackie Smith-Miller, Director of Religious Education, Emerita

Sunsue Fleming, Director of Religious Education, Emerita

Lenore O'Malley, Church Administrator

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A few weeks before my sabbatical ended, our UUA President Peter Morales unexpectedly resigned in the midst of an escalating controversy over UUA's hiring practices and statements he made in response to charges about those policies. One particular hire raised the voices of UU critics who say our hiring systematically favors white UU ministers and religious professionals. Senior staffers under Morales, Rev. Harlan Limpert (Chief Operating Officer) and Rev. Scott Tayler (Director of Congregational Life) announced they would also step down. My friends, ***I know each of these three men personally---and they are all good people, good UU's. What we have learned from these events is that our UUA, much like our nation, is in crisis when it comes to race.*** Structural racism remains a reality in our country--even among its most progressive institutions like our UUA.

The good news is that the democratic process of our denomination stands ready to deal with the administrative crisis of the sudden loss of top leadership. In a special meeting only days after Peter's resignation, the UUA Board of Trustees appointed three people (all people of color, including former UUA President Bill Sinkford) to serve as interim co-presidents of the UUA. We are electing a new president in June at our General Assembly and there are three excellent candidates (I have been highly active on the campaign and have endorsed Rev. Jeanne Pupke, one of the candidates with whom I sat on the UUA Board). So administratively and operationally, our UUA will be just fine.

But what we have all learned from this is that structural racism is not an "operations" problem that can be cured with a quick fix. ---**THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN OUR VALUES AND OUR ACTIONS.** ***This incident, painful as it has been, has shone the light on a cultural problem in our midst that will require courageous truth-telling, commitment to change---and open hearts full of forgiveness, compassion and love.***

Our church-wide theme for May is **EMBODIMENT**. So even as we acknowledge the ways that we have been missing the mark, now more than ever we are called ***to embody and build the Beloved Community in our church, in our UUA and in our world.***

WE CAN DO THIS WORK--WE MUST DO THIS WORK.

SO STAND BY THIS FAITH, ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES, -----AND LET'S GET TO WORK!!

AND HEY----IT IS INDEED GOOD TO BE BACK HOME AGAIN!!

Catherine 

P.S. -- If you have further questions or concerns about this situation, don't hesitate to drop me an email (TheRevCatherine@aol.com) or we can talk after church on Sunday.

HIP Youth Group Trip to West Virginia

I am happy to report that all nine youth and four adult volunteers who went on the mission trip to War, WV over spring break have returned safe and sound and changed by the experience. First I want everyone to personally thank our wonderful volunteers Steve Cunningham, Ted, Lillys, Laura Howerton and Cindy Ladd Fiorini who accompanied our youth on the trip.

We will be offering a slide show and some of the youth will be in coffee hour on April 30 to talk about their experiences. Please take the opportunity to speak with them.

This was FPC's second opportunity to partner with Big Creek People in Action, a community based group in War, WV. It was especially meaningful for those youth and adults who returned for the second time. We are building real relationships with the organization and the people in the community. We talked about what we can do in the future to involve younger children in projects for Big Creek People in Action to solidify the relationship further and build anticipation for when they are old enough to make the trip.

War is located in McDowell County, the poorest in West Virginia. It has been poor for a long time. John F. Kennedy campaigned there in 1960 and promised to send help if he was elected president. Even today, though, McDowell County is a place truly left behind. The educated few have fled, leaving almost no shreds of prosperity. Today, fewer than one in three McDowell County residents are in the labor force. Nearly 47 percent of personal income in the county is from Social Security, disability insurance, food stamps and other federal programs. The only sign of economic life is the building of two new prisons but many local residents cannot qualify for jobs there because they cannot pass the required drug tests. Clearly this is a very different world than our youth are accustomed to. And, yet, McDowell County is America too, just like Duxbury.

In so many ways I think our kids get more out of these trips than the people we are there to help. If we truly take our first principle, the inherent worth and dignity of all people, seriously we have to know those whose lives are different from ours. So, thank you to everyone who supported our trip. It was, I know, life changing for our kids.

Ruth Owen
Interim Director of Religious Education



Ring Out Justice!

News of Social Justice Activities at First Parish Church

Social Justice Committee Members:

Carrie Meier, Carol Nappellio, Peter Nappellio, Callie Brandeis, Andrea Brandeis, Mary Flanagan, Donna Savicki, Cindy Wilson, Bob Hughes, Nancy Nowak, Sally Delisa, Cindy Ladd-Fiorini, Troy Riley, Bella Santorini (HIP Representative), Nancy Landgren, Molly Bogan, Liza Ward, Eleanor McGonagle, & Ellen Herling

***Meeting: second Sundays 12 noon to 1 PM
Please Join Us! All Welcome!***



Socks, Underwear, Sneakers and Diapers Needed for Summer Head Start

Head Start family advocates have told us that there are families who are in need of underwear, socks and sneakers. These are for pre-school children who are in their special summer program.

If you have **lightly used socks or underwear in sizes 3 through 5 or sneakers between sizes 6 and 13**, Head Start families and teachers will be very grateful. Please put them in a marked bag (socks 4T for example) and place them in a bin in the hall or in the shed. These things are often needed at school and will help both the child and the teachers. Often children have 'accidents' at school. Teachers need extra supplies of underwear to care for these children. They children need sneakers and socks so they can run and play freely outside. They often have only flip-flops and that is dangerous for them.

If you need assistance or have questions, please call or email Carrie Meier at carriemeier1@comcast.net or 781-934-6657.



Father Bill's & MainSpring

NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

Saturday, May 27th - Father Bill's Community Table

Please consider signing up to serve with your family, friends or small group for Saturday, May, 27th. We are in need of the following:

- Thirteen Casseroles (pan and recipe available @ the Social Justice table @ coffee hour)
- Five Salad Fixings
- Five Brownie desserts

Please stop by the Social Justice table at coffee hour ...or email Sherry Gardner

sherrygardner47@hotmail.com or Molly Bogan mollybgnn@gmail.com

***Thank you, Molly Bogan, Youth Leader for Father Bill's Community Table &
Sherry Gardner, Social Justice Committee***



Share the Plate

We happily announce that **Father Bill's & MainSpring** received \$1,268 from our **April Share the Plate** collection.

In May our recipient will be another local organization, Crossroads for Kids.



Coming in May: It is time to nominate your favorite worthy cause to be a Share the Plate recipient. One Sunday a month our entire non-pledge collection is given to a non-profit (local, national or international) whose mission and values align with those of our church. Look for nomination forms in the rack outside the office or speak to one of the selection committee: **Rev. Catherine Cullen, Ruth Owen, Interim DRE, Carrie Meier, Mary Flanagan, Carol Nappellio.**

South Shore Action in partnership with Sneakers Laced Up, Marshfield

present *State Government 101* with
State Senator Patrick O'Connor *State Representatives Jim Cantwell and Joan Meschino*

May 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church
 24 River Street, Norwell

Senator Patrick O'Connor, from Weymouth, serves the eastern south shore from Cohasset through Duxbury. Rep Jim Cantwell, from Marshfield, is the Vice-Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and a member of FPC UU Duxbury! Newly elected Rep Joan Moschino hails from Hull.

In conversation with our state representatives, you'll learn how ideas become bills that eventually do, or do not, become legislation; also, how to effectively advocate for your values.



The First Parish Brewster UU Presents:
The Paul Hush Memorial Forum: The Immigration Puzzle

When: Sat April 30, 2:00 PM

Where: The Brewster Meeting House,
 Rte. 6A, 1969 Main Street, Brewster

Speakers: Representative Sarah Peake, Collin Mickle, Esq., Coordinator, Immigration Resource Center, Sarah Leiden, Esq., Justice Center of Southeast Mass, Emily Leung, Esq., Justice Center of Southeast Mass

Learn about the legal status —and rights— of undocumented immigrants. What are pathways to obtain a green card, citizenship; to detention and deportation; to appeal. Who is declared a refugee, an asylum seeker, a H1B visa immigrant? What is Sanctuary — in a town, a state, a church? What is the *Safe Communities Act*, active now before our Legislature? What can we as UUs do to help immigrants in MA and the USA?

Interested? Contact Eleanor McGonagle and FPC Social Justice Committee members.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
Documentary Film: Containment, Presented by Cape Downwinders

Two Showings:

When: Thur April 27, 7:00 PM

**Where: Falmouth Public Library, 300 Main St,
Hermann Foundation Room**

Presenters: Karen Vale -Cape Cod Bay Watch,
Heather Lightner - Concerned Neighbors of Pilgrim,
William Maurer - Cape Downwinders

When: Fri April 28, 7:00 PM

Where: WHAT (Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater) 2357 Rte. 6
Although the film and program are free,
you need to make reservations for your seat

Presenters: Dan Wolf - Former Senator;
Karen Vale - Cape Cod Bay Watch,
Diane Turco - Cape Downwinders

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WEDNESDAY MAY 10

Kindred Spirits 10:00-11:30a.m.

THURSDAY MAY 11

Book Club 9:00 a.m.

Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.

Small Group 11:00a.m.

FRIDAY MAY 12

YOGA 10:30-11:45a.m.

SUNDAY MAY 14

MOTHER'S DAY!

HIP CAR WASH

SHARE THE PLATE

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

HIP 6:00-7:30p.m.

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

TUESDAY MAY 16

Small Group 10:0 –11:30a.m.

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

THURSDAY MAY 18

Book Club 9:00 a.m.

Historical Committee 9:30a.m.

Alliance Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

Governing Board 7:00p.m.

FRIDAY MAY 19

YOGA 10:30a.m. – 11:45p.m.

SATURDAY MAY 20

Rental in Hall 1:00-4:00p.m.

SUNDAY MAY 21

BALLOON SUNDAY



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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Buddhist Group 5-6:30 p.m.

MONDAY MAY 22

SSHAGLY 7:00-9:00p.m.

PFLAG 7:30p.m.-9:00p.m.

TUESDAY MAY 23

Rental in Hall 5:00-9:00p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 24

BELL RINGER DUE DATE!

THURSDAY MAY 25

Book Club 9:00 a.m.

Alliance 10-2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY MAY 26

YOGA 10:30-11:45a.m.

SATURDAY MAY 27

Community Table 9:00a.m.

SUNDAY MAY 28

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Buddhist Group 5-6:30 p.m.

MONDAY MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

11:00a.m. Town Service

TUESDAY MAY 30

Bell Choir 7:00 – 8:30p.m.



CARING CONNECTION:

The Caring Connection extends a big **thank you** to those of you that have brought a meal, given a ride or visited a church friend needing a little support over this year. Currently, we are looking to add some new names to our helper list. By doing so you are not expected to respond to every request for help and you don't need to attend any meetings. It just gives us a larger pool of people to call upon when someone is in need. If we can put you on this list or you have any questions, contact Kathy Bray at kbray8832@aol.com or any committee member.

If you know someone needing assistance during May or June contact Liz Connors at liz.connors@verizon.net, 781-934-2560.

Kathy Bray (chairperson), Gina Angell, Michael Gardner, Kim Wyman, Deb Worsh, Liz Connors



Minister's Office Hours:

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 at (781) 635-5906. 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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Tuesdays 8:30-11:30am.** Please call Lenore, 781-934-6532 or email at uuduxbury@verizon.net if you need anything.

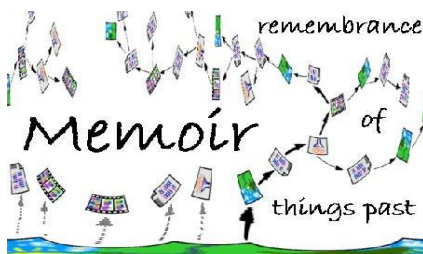


ALLIANCE NEWS



Alliance Luncheon -- 3rd Thursday of the Month **May 18th, 12:30 noon in the Parlor**

12:30pm – Potluck Luncheon in the Parlor
 Followed by our Annual Meeting and Memorial Service.



Next Memoirs

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 9th, 7:15pm**

The topic for May is “**An Exciting/Interesting Journey**”. If you are interested, but have never participated, feel free to come and just listen. Hope you can join us!

Leader: Jackie Smith-Miller.

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)
 Membership 9:00am (3rd Sun. each month)
 Music Committee (1st Sun. each month) 12 p.m.
 Social Justice 9 a.m. (2nd Sun. each month)
 Buddhist Meditation 5-6:30p.m. (weekly)

MONDAYS – Building Use 10 a.m. (4th Mon. each month)
 Finance Committee 7 p.m. (2nd Mon. each month)
 Welcoming Congregation 7:00pm (2nd Monday of each month)
 PFLAG – 7:30-9:00pm (4th Monday of each month)

TUESDAYS - Hand Bells 7 p.m.
 Memoirs 7:15p.m. (2nd Tues. each month)
 Communications 7:00pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)

WEDNESDAYS – RE Committee 7 p.m. (1st Wed. of each month)
 Staff meeting 11:30 a.m. (weekly)
 Buildings & Grounds 9-11 a.m. (1st Wed. each month)
 "Kindred Spirits" 10:00 -11:30 a.m. (2nd 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)
 Alliance Luncheons 12:30pm (3rd Thurs. each month)
 Governing Board 7 p.m. (3rd Thurs. each month)
 Historical Committee 9:30a.m. (3rd Thurs. of each month)

FRIDAYS - Committee On Ministry 5 p.m. (1st Fri. each month)

SATURDAYS – Community Table 9:15 a.m. (4th Sat. each month)



ANNUAL MEETING

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS!! **SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH** **ANNUAL MEETING**

Your reports must be submitted by **Wednesday, June 4th** to be included in the Annual Meeting package!



The Power of Community, The Spirit of Giving

The end is in sight! We are 3/4 of the way to our goal, thanks to everyone who has pledged. All we need for a successful finish to the annual pledge drive is for those who have not yet submitted a pledge to take just a few minutes, log on at www.uudux.org/pledge, scroll down to the pledge form, and record your level of support for the coming year. Do it now and your commitment will become a factor in setting the church budget for FY '18... and, best of all, you can skip over any further messages from Stewardship, guilt-free.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Next Bell-Ringer Deadline:
Wednesday, May 24th!



SUMMER FAIR NEWS!!

The 167th First Parish Church Summer Fair Saturday, June 17th from 8:30am to 2pm.

We need your help! Donations and Volunteers needed!
Bake Chair Needed!

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help sort donations, set up/break down the fair, and help sell goods and food on fair day. The Summer Fair is a great place to get to know your fellow UUs, help our church raise money, and become a part of our church history. To volunteer just a few hours or an entire day, please see/contact any of the people mentioned in this flyer or see our sign up table at coffee hour.

Donations

Donations Needed! Donations can be dropped off at the church during business hours and Sundays before and after church beginning May 26th.

To schedule a pick-up of large items or furniture on **Haul Day, Saturday, June 10th**, please call Lenore at the church office.

DO NOT place your donations in the church shed as it is currently being used for the Box Project. Please contact Summer Fair Chair, Tracy Wagner - wagnertracy@comcast.net (781) 829-9670, with any questions or if you have a donation that cannot wait.

PLANTS: When thinning out your perennials, please consider donating extra plants to the Fair. Day lilies and Irises do not sell well, but all other perennials are welcome. If you have questions, need pots, or help dividing please contact Liz Christmann, alil2@comcast.net or 781-585-6107.

JEWELRY: Women's, men's, and children's jewelry including Gold, sterling silver, and precious gems, costume jewelry, watches, clean hair accessories, broken or single earrings, gold or sterling pieces and broken strings of beads, Jewelry boxes- all sizes, scarves (not winter scarves), pocketbooks and wallets in good condition, and small boxes for display of fine jewelry. Please, no winter scarves or other clothing items. Questions, contact Karen Sankey at kfsankey@gmail.com.

BOOKS: All books, both hardcover & paperback in good condition. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, mildewed or damaged books. For more information please contact Woodie & Elaine Lackey at asio525@gmail.com.

WHITE ELEPHANT: Household & Decorative goods that are clean and in good condition. Small kitchen appliances should be in working condition. No clothing or shoes. Please no TVs or computers. No coffee mugs with logos of any kind. Please - only clean linens in good condition. For more information, please contact Marilynn Christmann at mcwc@comcast.net.

AUCTION: Furniture in good, saleable condition. Please, no appliances of any type, television or television stands, treadmills, mattresses or heavy exercise equipment, couches of any type, and no stuffed or upholstered furniture of any kind unless in new condition. For more information, please contact Jim Hamilton at jim@greenharbor.com

COLLECTABLES: All collectables in good, clean and saleable condition. Please, no broken or chipped dishes and or glass, no sharp objects such as razors, knives, or garden tools etc., and no linen pieces items which are ripped, or torn. For more information please contact Gail Murphy, gsmurphy541@gmail.com.

SPORTING GOODS/TOOLS: All sporting goods and tools, pet items and gardening items. All items must be clean and in good condition. Please, no outdated electronics, computers, computer monitors, outdated televisions or heavy exercise equipment. For more information contact Karl Schweitzer at wyoral-schweitzer@att.net.

CHILDREN'S WHITE ELEPHANT: Toys, games and puzzles in good, clean and saleable condition. Please, no car seats, cribs or videotapes. For more information, please contact Kathy Bray, kbray8832@aol.com, or Sharon Nabreski, snabreski@comcast.net.

BAKE TABLE: If you can bake items for fair day, please contact Kathleen Teehan at kadteeahan@yahoo.com or Katy Gaenicke at k.gaenicke@comcast.net

Thank you for supporting this community wide event!

Tracy Wagner



Attention All Gardeners!

Now is the perfect time to get outside and re-organize, prune, beat back, and divide your perennials, shrubs, and herbs. When you do please pot up some plants for our plant sale at the fair. If you need pots, advice or assistance digging please let me know. Iris and orange daylilies don't sell so please add those to your compost pile. Thank you!



Spring Cleaning?

Put aside your unused Jewelry, Purses and Accessories
For the First Parish Summer Fair on June 17th!
Collection in the Church will start towards the end of May.
Thank You!



Give Mom a Clean Car for Mothers' Day! **HIP Youth Group Car Wash, Sunday, May 14, starting at 9:30 AM**

Drop off your car before services on Sunday, May 14 and get it back all clean and shiny. The HIP Youth Group will hand wash your car for \$10 or your van or truck for \$15. Proceeds go towards HIP programming next year. Thank you so much for your support.



Tuneful Brew Coffee House @ FPC
Friday, May 5 at 7 PM

Woodsmith and Hersch

Join us for a great time with Woodsmith and Hersch, a country, bluegrass, R & B duo that also knows how to rock. Powered by Woodsmith's straight-from-the-depths vocalizing and Hersch's finger-flying fretwork (and fortified by vintage Hammond organ tones and rhythm-ready drums) this gutsy ensemble embraces its roots yet keeps its feet firmly in the here-and-now.

Blending distinctive original songs with classic tunes that pay homage to a shared musical heritage, 'Woodsmith & Hersch' evoke the funky drive of Little Feat, the moving vocals of Bonnie Raitt and the instrumental prowess of the Tedeschi-Trucks Band while maintaining a firm identity of its own. If you'd like a sample, check out : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCYdTtuXa3M>.

Up for an Adventure? Two life-changing weeks in Transylvania!

Come along with a few others from First Parish Church to participate in the dedication of the bells at our Partner Church in Romania! Our congregation has helped to build this church from scratch and now, finally, the culturally important bells await installation! Reverend Sandor Szilard and others are eager for our presence. All are welcome! Will you consider joining us?

From Sept 16 to Sept 28, we will join a Transylvania Thanksgiving Pilgrimage run by the UU Partner Church Council. The tour leader is outstanding and the cost is very reasonable – about \$1,100 plus airfare of around \$1,000. We will be asking the Governing Board for some financial support making it an even better bargain. We begin and end in Kolozsvár/Cluj (about half way between Budapest, Hungary and Bucharest, Romania). We will visit the most significant of the Unitarian holy places including Torda, frescoed Unitarian churches, a spectacular 13th century castle, a medieval walled city, and a Saxon fortress church. Several are UNESCO World Heritage sites. We will spend the special Transylvanian Thanksgiving weekend with our partner congregation staying in local homes. More than "a trip abroad", this tour offers the opportunity to create a stronger connection with our Partner Church, see firsthand the after effects of the World Wars and Communism, as well as gain a spiritual appreciation of our Unitarian history.

Registration closes on May 27, 2017. See the poster on the Hall bulletin board for more information or go to this website - www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities . Questions can be directed to Jerry Larke or Marilyn Christmann.

CLASSIFIEDS

A dog-less newspaper subscriber would like to donate his collection of little yellow plastic bags to a dog owner. Please contact Jim Hamilton (jim@greenharbor.com) if you are interested.

