

The Bell-Ringer

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



SEPTEMBER 2016



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 11th -- "WELCOME BACK, WELCOME HOME" -- Our Annual Intergenerational Ingathering Service: This is the beginning of the school year for our young people so we will be blessing their new beginnings with a Blessing of the Backpacks as a part of our Ingathering service. Be sure to bring yours along. Remember to bring a small vial of water from some place special to you. Children will remain for the entire service. **INGATHERING BREAKFAST at 9 a.m.** – Come join us!

September 18th -- "REMEMBERING ROBBIE" -- Our beloved Minister Emeritus (and my predecessor) Rev. Robbie Walsh passed away last June after a valiant battle with Lois Body Dementia. Contact Catherine if you would like to participate in this special celebration of Robbie's life among us at FPC. (after church budget discussion)

September 25th -- "DEFYING HATRED AND FEAR" -- On September 20th, PBS will air a documentary by Ken Burns entitled "Defying the Nazis." The film is the story of Martha and Rev. Waitstill Sharp, WWII Unitarians who secretly worked in Nazi-occupied Europe to rescue Jews, dissidents and refugee children. Islamophobia and the Syrian refugee crisis are modern day parallels to the bigotry the Sharps fought against. How are you carrying on the Sharps' legacy by defying hatred and discrimination today? (After church Annual Finance Meeting)

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Alliance 10:00-2:00pm
Worship Meeting 7:00pm

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Last Fisherman's Service 8:00a.m.
Buddhist 4:00-6:30p.m.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5

LABOR DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Soup & Social Justice 10:30a.m.
Trustees Meeting 7:30-9:00pm.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9

NO YOGA

First Coffee House 8:00p.m.!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10

DIC Meeting 9:00a.m.
First Church of Christ Scientist
Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning.

Love has to be put into action and that action is service.

*Whatever form we are,
able or disabled,
rich or poor,
it is not how much we do,
but how much love we put in the doing;
a lifelong sharing of love with others.*

A Lifelong Sharing – Hymnal, 562

Dear Friend,

Well the time has come for us all to gather once again for another church year at FPC!

This year will no doubt unfold with its own special joys and sorrows, but here are some things that at this point we can guarantee will make this year special:

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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

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

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- Our Interim DRE Ruth Owen will begin the second year of her three-year contract with us---- and you will see some new and exciting changes (big and small) in what goes on at FPC. Our worship schedule and children's programs will once again be organized around monthly themes. We are hoping that this year these themes will move deeper into our shared congregational life (like small group ministry and social justice) ----stay tuned! And speaking of worship, this church year we will gather for more "all-church" worship experiences --and some of our FPC worship traditions will have a bit of a new look.
- Our outreach into the community will expand in creative ways---for example FPC is launching a new monthly Coffee House called "Tuneful Brews" (Opening Night is Friday September 9th— come on by and bring some friends)
- Your minister will take a few months sabbatical time next winter to finish writing her project for her Doctor of Ministry. As many of you know, for the past several years I have been "picking away" at a Doctor of Ministry at Andover Newton Theological School. ANTS, as it is affectionately called, is the oldest graduate seminary in the United States and the nation's first graduate institution of any kind. But times change and for a variety of reasons organized religion is an increasingly unpopular institution these days. In November 2015, ANTS announced that it would sell its Newton campus after a presence of 190 years on that site. ANTS is being subsumed by Yale Divinity School, and since New Haven is a pretty long commute from Duxbury, your minister needs to finish her degree before ANTS leaves the area! (More information about my sabbatical will be forthcoming)

Interestingly enough, all of these items are actually related. Yes, church attendance and membership in all denominations are suffering a serious and steady decline, especially among Millennials. The topic of my DMIN work is "How Unitarian Universalists in New England Are Responding to the So-called 'Spiritual But Not Religious.'" During this Interim time, one of the thrusts of our work together is to consider deeply how we here at FPC are responding and reaching out to those who have spiritual leanings but are disinterested and/or distrustful of religious institutions.

My friend, we have a whole lot of LOVE here at First Parish Church, but “*Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning.*” My prayer for all of us at FPC is that this church year will be a ***yearlong sharing of love with others.*** I believe in our free faith—and I know you do too. So let’s join hands on Ingathering Sunday and move boldly together and **LOVE THE HELL OUT OF ONE ANOTHER AND THE WORLD!! THE WORLD NEEDS US---AND WE NEED ONE ANOTHER.**

Are you ready??? -- I sure am!! See you in church

Catherine



Happy New Year!

September always feels like the “new year” to me. As I begin the second of what will be my three years with you, I believe we have made a wonderful start on revitalizing the children and youth programming at FPC. Last year a great many of you took the time to fill out the (rather long) survey about the young peoples’ program. Two messages came through loud and clear. First, you want to preserve and reinvigorate beloved traditions like Pumpkin Sunday, the Holiday Feast and the Pageant, etc. And, second, you are ready to try new things to keep our children’s programming vital and relevant to young families’ lives.

In response, we have made some changes to the children’s program. We have reduced the number of class groupings so we have a more workable number of children in each group. We are deepening our commitment to monthly themes so everyone is on the same page. We are increasing the emphasis on worship as the center of our life together through Children’s Chapel and more all-church worship. And, we are increasing support for parents to include more spirituality in their everyday family life.

This year we are trying new things and tweaking old things. I don’t expect every innovation to be successful, but will try lots of things to see what works. We will be evaluating and welcoming feedback all through this process. Please, don’t be shy about letting me know what you think.

Finally, our other focus this year will be adult programming. There will be another survey (not quite as long, I promise) coming out in October. I will be gathering a task force to review all of our adult programming with an eye to making sure that all groups in our community are being served by programming that meets their interests. We will also be considering new programs and the best ways to communicate with the wider community about what we offer. If you think you might be interested in being a part of this task force, please let me know.

It will be an exciting year. I can’t wait to get started!

Ruth Owen

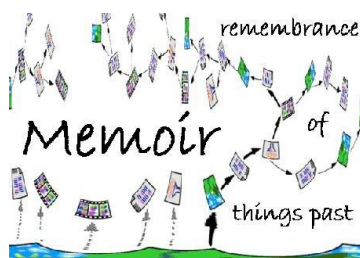
Interim Director of Religious Education

Children & Youth Calendar for September

- Sept. 11 Ingathering, Blessing of the Backpacks
Open House for Children's Programs, after church, downstairs. Come and get information about our Children's Programs and register your children.
- Sept. 18 Children's Chapel 10:30 in the Chapel, followed by first session of Children's Programs
Parent orientation required for all 7-8th graders planning to take OWL this year. If you cannot attend this orientation, you need to contact Ruth to schedule another time.
6 PM First HIP meeting for 10-12 graders
- Sept. 25 Families attend the first part of "Big Church" together, followed by Children's Programs
6 PM HIP meeting for all 9-12 graders

Plus One Widows' Group

Our first regular meeting of the fall will be dinner out at 5:30 PM on September 21. This group is open to all women who have lost a spouse or partner. Contact Ruth for more information and to get on our email list.



MEMOIRS: WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

The Memoirs group will meet for the first time **Tuesday, September 13th** at 7:15pm in the Marion Fletcher Room to share stories of our "**Memories of a Grand Parent**". We will be meeting on the **second** Tuesday of each month. Everyone Welcome.
leader: Jackie Smith-Miller.



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
Please Join Us! All Welcome!

A BIG THANK YOU.....The UU Urban Ministry Renewal House Picnic

It was a joyful day! FPC UU Duxbury helped Kingston UU in many ways to make the day fun and full for Renewal House residents, alumnae and their children. We brought lots of food, many kayaks, helpful dollars, clothes, drivers into Boston—and *Ourselves!* Special thanks to Mary and Chris Flanagan, Ginger Noyes—with Caitlyn Egan 15, Robbie 13 and Abigail 11, Carol and Peter Nappellio, Donna and Jim Savicki, Carrie Meier, Regina Mortland, Louise Balboni, Claire McDonald, Sally Delisa, Cindy Wilson and Nancy and Len Nowak. The RH adults talked and relaxed, watching their kids play and learn some skills in the water. Everyone loved kayaking! The sun shone brightly all day on the wonderful fellowship among UUs and UUUM Renewal House families!

September 20 at 9pm on WGBH/PBS Film by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukouski: Defying the Nazis: the Sharps War

Don't miss this inspirational UU story of courage, cunning, and sacrifice by Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp from Wellesley Hills UU, founders of UUSC. Hear Ken Burns tell what making this movie meant to him in a trailer at UUSC.org/sharpstory. Artemis is the Sharp's grandson.

A National Moral Revival Movement event, inspired by Rev Dr. William Barber II, will take place on September 12 at 11am at the State House. Rev Barber calls for a moral revolution of our values and for us to lift our moral voices for justice in the public square. MA will be one of 25 states to deliver a moral call at our State House. This summer Rev Barber spoke eloquently at our UUA General Assembly, the Democratic National Convention, and recently at a Moral Revival gathering in Boston which was co-sponsored by UU Urban Ministry. UUs will be there in full-force on Sept 12! Google *Rev Barber*. If you would like to go together to this important justice event, please contact Nancy: nowakdux@gmail.com.

Continued Calendar:

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Breakfast 9:00am

INGATHERING 10:30am

Sr. Choir 9:30am

Blessing of Backpacks

Open House Children's Programs

9/11 Vigil on the Town Green

across from Girl Scout House –

4:00p.m.

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Welcome Congregation 7:00pm

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Memoirs 7:15p.m.

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Book Club 9:00a.m.

Historical Committee 9:30am

Alliance Beach Picnic 12:00 noon

Governing Board Mtg. 7:00pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Children's Chapel 10:30

1st Session Children's Programs

AFTER CHURCH MEETING TO

DISCUSS BUDGET – 12:00 NOON

1st HIP 6:00-7:30pm

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Plus One Widows' Group

Dinner 5:30p.m. – Contact Ruth

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Book Club 9:00am

Alliance Sewing Grp. 10:00-2:00pm

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

YOGA 10:30 – 11:45a.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Community Table 9:00a.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING

All Ages in "Big Church" 10:30a.m

Jr. & Sr. Choir 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

HIP Ice Cream Social – 6:00p.m.

Buddhist Group 5:00-6:30pm

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26

PFLAG 7:30-9:00pm

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Bell Choir 7:00-8:30pm.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Book Club 9:00a.m.

Alliance 10:00-2:00p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

YOGA 10:30 – 11:45a.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 **SEPTEMBER**, please call Michael Gardner, sgmgardner4746@gmail.com, 617-833-9606. *(more information on the Caring Connection on page 9)*



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.

Spiritual Direction Opportunities at First Parish

Church: The still, small voice is with you whether you are racing through your busy days or sitting in meditative silence or contemplative prayer. Spiritual direction is for anyone who is searching for deeper spiritual insights and for spiritual growth in the events of our hectic daily lives. You can use your time in spiritual direction to slow down, to learn how to listen, to explore life's deeper issues and to make progress toward achieving greater consistency between your deeply held values and your actions. This fall Catherine is offering Individual Spiritual Direction (participants meet with Catherine once a month for an hour or so). Contact Catherine via email at TheRevCatherine@aol.com or call her here at the church (781)934-6532 ext 3, to learn more about this unique ancient spiritual practice. May this be the year you explore more deeply the spiritual meaning of your life!

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.

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)
 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)



Sunday, Sept. 11th, 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Ingathering Breakfast

We hope everyone can attend First Parish Church's traditional Ingathering breakfast. Come to enjoy the company of old friends and meet new members and friends too as we begin a new year of friendship and worship. We will offer bagels, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and fresh fruit. This breakfast will be held in the Assembly Hall. The suggested donation is \$4 per person, \$15 for a family. We look forward to seeing you there. *The Hospitality/Fellowship Committee*



BELLRINGER DATES FOR 2016-2017 CHURCH YEAR

We are going to try to stay with the 24th of each month except for the November & December Bellringers.

September 24th

October 24th

November 28th (Tweaked with the holidays)

January 2nd (Tweaked with the holidays)

January 24th

February 24th

March 24th

April 24th

May 24th



Picnic

Alliance Luncheons 3rd Thursday of Every Month Starting September 15th on the Beach!

We will start our **3rd Thursday Alliance Luncheon's on September 15th**. We will be having a beach picnic! We will meet at Duxbury Beach at 12:00 noon. We will share our memories of the summer! In case of rain, we will meet at the church. All are welcome!!



THURSDAY SEWING CIRCLE

The Thursday Sewing Circle will be starting to meet on Thursday September 1st. We meet every Thursday at 10:30am. We will start to work on articles for the upcoming Christmas Fair. We welcome everyone whether or not you are a seamstress or knitter, etc. Every project involves steps that require cutting, tracing, stuffing, etc. & we welcome your help. Join us for a morning of coffee, conversation and creativity.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING

The Annual Financial Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 28th at 12:00 noon**. We will have our information meeting on the budget a week before on Sunday, Sept. 18th after church.



Tuneful Brew Coffee House at FPC Debuts Sept. 9, 8 PM
\$10/person suggested donation
8PM Open Mic, 9 PM Jo Henley

Yes! It is really happening. Thanks to Katy Boc and all her hard work, the coffee house is really happening. We are kicking off this once a month event on Friday, Sept. 9 at 8 PM. The show will begin with an open mic and then feature Jo Henley, a Boston-based roots-rock band that has been winning over fans and critics alike since 2006 with their unique blend of rock, folk, country, and bluegrass (<http://www.johenley.com>)

We are still seeking volunteers to help out with this fun event. Heidi Conner will be in charge of food but she could use bakers and help on the night of the show. Liz Christman could use help with set-up (starting at 6:30 PM), staffing the door and clean-up. And we all need help spreading the word! Please “Like” our Facebook page and share the posts, tell your friends and, most importantly, please come to our first concert.

For more information about the Tuneful Brew coffee house check out the website <http://tunefulbrew.bandzoogle.com>.



For anyone unfamiliar with the Caring Connection, our mission is to help our First Parish friends during times of need by connecting them with people within the congregation willing to help. Some of the things we do are to coordinate meals, provide rides, do errands and sometimes simply to give a call to offer support and a listening ear. We have a wonderful list of volunteers to call upon when something comes up. We encourage you to let us know if you or someone in the church could use some help. For the month of September our contact person is Michael Gardner. He can be reached at sgmgardner4746@gmail.com, 617-833-9606.



YOGA EVERY FRIDAY AT THE CHURCH

Yoga continues on Fridays 10:30-11:45a.m. in the Harvey Assembly Hall except for 2 weeks in Sept.- the 9th and the 16th and will resume on Friday the 23rd.

Come and get renewed with gentle yoga, breathing and meditation! *Lee Ann Pelligrini*



Join in community the remembrance of 9-11 at a Vigil for the 15th anniversary. The Duxbury Interfaith Council will join with the Fire and Police Departments along with community leaders in prayer on September 11 at 4 PM on the Town Green across from the Girl Scout House. In case of inclement weather the Vigil will be moved into the new Sanctuary at the Sisters of St. Margaret Convent abutting the Town Green. Parking is available at The Girl Scout House and in Hall's Corner. There is no parking on Harden Hill Rd. For more information contact the Interfaith Council at [781-934-8388](tel:781-934-8388)

Father Bill's Community Table

Father Bill's Community Table ~ Sat, September 24th

FPC will be providing and serving lunch to the guests at Father Bill's Community Table in Brockton on Saturday, September 24th.

Please stop by the Social Justice table at coffee hour on Sunday, September 11th and 18th to sign up to make a casserole (recipe and pan provided), salad fixings, desserts and/or to serve. You can also sign up by emailing me at calbrandeis@gmail.com.

If you would like to serve, we will meet at 9 am at church on the 24th to load up the food and caravan over to Father Bill's in Brockton. We will be back in Duxbury around 1:45 pm.

Thank you.

Callie Brandeis

Youth Leader of Father Bill's Community Table & Social Justice Committee Member

Diving Ocean Bluffs (Brant Rock, MA) - Story and Photos by Rob Robison

For the Duxbury First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church's Service Auction fundraiser, I offered a two-tank scuba dive for one or a one-tank scuba dive for two off my 15.5' Zodiac. Mike Gardner won, so we waited until both of our schedules cleared to get started. Mike wanted to do a few shore dives before rolling off my boat, which worked out well for me because my engine is in the shop getting cleaned out after in-taking some water condensation from the fuel tank on an outing earlier in May. We met at Ocean Bluffs on Friday morning (6-23-16) to make a shore dive. Fortunately, Mike has a local parking permit, so we offloaded my gear next to the central stairs at the Bluffs, and then I parked my car a block away. After suiting up, Mike and I hit the water on a gorgeous morning with clear skies, reasonable air temp (mid to high 70s), and clear water—at least 25' - 30' of vis, which is fabulous for New England. The incoming tide and swells made it a bit strenuous swimming out to our drop down point; consequently, we made a mutual decision to submerge and continue underwater, which is much easier than fighting the surface conditions.

The last time I dove this area was around 1991. At that time, there was plenty of sea life from in close to shore to all the way out as far as you could swim on the surface or underwater. Storms in the ensuing years have changed the bottom significantly. Much of the rock and boulder bottom has been pushed on shore leaving huge patches of sand behind. Increasing ocean temperatures, overfishing, runoff, and other forms of pollution have had a

noticeable effect on the underwater life around this area. I was sad to see that the sand areas were devoid of much life—no moon snails, whelks, hermit crabs, horseshoe crabs, baby, juvenile, or adult flounder, and the like that used to populate such areas. A bright note was that there were literally billions of tiny black specks clinging to any substrate they could find. On closer inspection, these black specks turned out to be mussel spat. Google tells us that: ***Mussel spat** develop from a floating larval stage. The larvae attach themselves to seaweed or ropes and develop into miniature shellfish 0.3 mm long – about the width of a needle tip.*

These were a bit larger than a needle tip, since they were visible to the naked eye. At first blush, they look like gypsy moth droppings, but if you look carefully you can see they are clearly mussels in a very early stage of development. As Mike and I unhurriedly drifted along, we followed a metal pipe of some sort that appeared at odd moments on our zig zaggy underwater path, until we finally reached some deeper water and places where lobsters and other small fish such as Cunners (a type of wrasse), other small fry, and sponges could be found. We turned the dive sometime after reaching a depth of 25' and slowly headed back allowing the tide to wash us in to shore. Eighty minutes after beginning the dive, we clambered out of the water, stowed our gear and headed down to the Brant Rock Hop for lunch and to warm up. Despite 7 or 8mm wetsuits, an hour and 20-minute submersion, and a relatively warm 57°-58°F water temp., one starts to chill during such a long dive. Regardless, it was a great way to spend a Friday morning in the early summer.



The pipe



Mike with short lobster



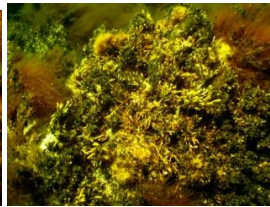
Baby common starfish



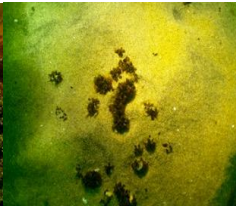
Juvenile sea robin



Palmate sponge cluster



Yellow-streaked seaweed



Mussel spat in sand



Mike on the bottom



CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for Mature Female Housemate in private home by water in Marshfield. 1 larger room or 2 rooms available for rent. Must be O.K. with 1 cat and have higher vehicle for dirt road. If interested contact Lee Anne Pellegrini 617-549-2450.

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DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

Sunday, September 25th, 2016

Annual Parish Financial Meeting

WARRANT

The annual Parish Financial Meeting of the First Parish Church of Duxbury, Massachusetts, is hereby called for 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25th, 2016 in the Harvey Assembly Hall.

1. Call to Order – Moderator, Jim Hamilton
2. Invocation – Rev. Catherine Cullen, Minister
3. Reading of Minutes of October 2015 Parish Financial Meeting
4. Review reports of the following committees: Capital Projects Planning Committee, Trustees of Parish Funds, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Cell Task Force.
5. Treasurer's report and review of church finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.
6. Presentation of and vote on the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 – Finance Committee Chair.
7. Presentation of and vote on recommendations of Cell Task Force.
8. To act upon any bequests.
9. To take any action on allocation of endowment income.
10. Closing words and benediction – Minister
11. Adjournment


Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Clerk

NOTE: An informational after-church meeting to present and discuss the proposed **budget** will be held on 12 p.m., Sept. 18th in the Parlor.