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# The Bell-Ringer

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



JUNE 2022



**OUR ALL CHURCH THEME FOR JUNE IS “CELEBRATING BLESSINGS”.**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**June 5th -- “Annual Program Meeting”** -- From 9-9:30 Michael Gardner and I will led a brief worship experience, “Remembering Those We’ve Lost” (celebrating the lives of FPC’ers who passed this year). At 9:30 our Annual Program Meeting will begin--we will hear about all the activity or our committees and lay leaders, who carried on in spite of the pandemic!

**June 12th – “Celebration Sunday”** --Join us to celebrate our children, youth and all the volunteers that help us provide a program filled with learning about what it means to be a part of our beloved Unitarian Universalist community.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> -- “Flower Communion Sunday”** – As we always do, we will celebrate our last “regular” worship service-- Bring a flower to church to add to our Flower Communion service!

**June 26<sup>th</sup> -- Fisherman’s Services begin!!**



## COMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

Bell Choir 4:00p

### THURSDAY JUNE 2

Worship/Music 7:00pm

### SATURDAY JUNE 4

Hall Rental 1:00-4:00pm

### SUNDAY JUNE 5

Worship 9:00 a.m.

**ANNUAL MEETING 9:30am**

**Hybrid**

### MONDAY JUNE 6

Women’s Ritual group Meeting  
7:00pm

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 8

Bell Choir 4:00pm

### THURSDAY JUNE 9

Small group 10:30am

### SATURDAY JUNE 11

**HAUL DAY!**

### SUNDAY JUNE 12

Social Justice 9:00am

**RE SUNDAY**

Worship 10:00am



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## *A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...*

Dear FPC Members and Friends,

It is with a myriad of deeply felt mixed emotions that I write to you to tell you that, at the end of our next church year, in June 2023, I will step down as your minister after 19 years at FPC.

*I will be forever so grateful for the love and trust you have offered me over the years of our shared ministry. I could not have hoped for a better fit for my gifts, desires and calling than First Parish Church. I am grateful that your Search Committee in 2004 saw the potential we had to share in a vibrant, life-affirming ministry together, and that I had the insight to know that this would be a wonderful place for me to grow my ministry!*

Taking a year to part mindfully will allow us all to do the important emotional, relational, and spiritual work that we need to do. It will also let us do important institutional work to prepare for this ministerial transition. *My intention this next year is to move with you through a “good goodbye,” so that we all can take the time and care necessary to be honest and open and loving and brave—to experience grief and to be sure to celebrate.*

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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. Dr. Catherine Cullen, Minister**

**Dr. Kate Sullivan, Dir. of Community Life & Learning**

**Lenore O'Malley, Church Administrator**

**Elaine Stephansky, Bell Choir Director**

**Edwin Swanborn, Music Director**

**Jackie Smith-Miller, Dir. of Religious Education, Emerita**

**Sunsue Fleming, Director of Religious Education, Emerita**

Hearing this news, FPC'ers will have a range of responses. You may feel shock or sorrow. You may feel anger or abandonment. You may feel excitement at new possibilities. Or a mixture of these. Or none of these. As we've often said, "Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all of you are welcome here." That will be true, as well, in the coming year.

Rest assured that over this next year I will continue to be "present and accounted for." Please continue to come to me with what's in your heart and on your mind. I am, and will continue to be your minister. *Let's take this next leg of the journey together, over these next twelve months. **And let's keep on doing some powerful ministry in a world and at a time that sorely needs the compassion, love, and generosity flowing out of First Parish.***

Our wonderful nearly two-decade chapter in the history of First Parish Church is not the whole story. Our beloved congregation has served the wider community and beyond for decades before I came and you will continue in new and different ways to be who you are, and to do what you do, in the decades ahead. I'm excited for all of us as we begin this journey of stepping into the future –your new chapter in shared ministry, my next phase of professional career (am actually thinking of returning to law!)

*Blessings on our bright, daring and bold new adventures!!*

In faith and affection,

***Catherine***

# Governing Board

## **From the Governing Board: The President's Report**

This is my last Bell Ringer article as Governing Board President. My term ends when Cindy Ladd Fiorini is elected as our next President at the upcoming annual Program meeting. It has been an honor to serve as President. As I go off the Governing Board, so do the following board members: Karl Schweitzer (Treasurer), Sally Delisa (Sunday Morning Liaison), and Lester Lloyd (Physical Plant Liaison). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all the work they do for the church.

Items discussed at the Governing Board May meeting included:

- **Warrant for the June program meeting:** We assured that the warrant for the June program meeting was posted at least two weeks in advance as required by our bylaws. The bulk of the work for that meeting, it should be noted, is being done by the Nominating committee, which puts together the slate of nominees to be elected to serve on various committees. I also encourage everyone to read the meeting packet, which includes reports from the wide range of committees doing the work of the congregation.
- **Welcoming Congregation to move into the Social Justice Committee:** The Welcoming Congregation committee has decided that the timing is right to fold their activities into the Social Justice Committee. The Social Justice Committee agrees with this plan. The next time our bylaws are updated we will need to amend them to reflect this change.
- **Parsonage update:** The Afghan family continues to do well. You may have noticed the recently-added, fenced-in play area to the side of the parsonage. Our commitment to offer them housing extends through June of 2023. The family will ultimately move to other housing. The DARI (Duxbury Afghan Resettlement Initiative) group is working now on plans to make that a smooth transition.
- **The front steps:** As mentioned in my last Bell Ringer article, the work on the front steps will take place over the summer. For this reason we are not scheduling any weddings, but memorial services will proceed with the expectation that mourners will enter from the back.
- **Envisioning:** See elsewhere in the Bell Ringer for an update.
- **Summer Fair:** If you have not already signed up to help, please do so now. We need all hands on deck for this important fundraiser.
- **Our budget deficit:** Our Treasurer's projection of our deficit exceeds our budgeted amount. If you have not yet paid your pledge for the 2021-2022 church year, please do so soon. And if you haven't made a pledge yet for the 2022-2023 church year, we could really use it.
- **Mark your calendars for Religious Education Sunday:** Sunday June 12th is Religious Education Sunday. It has been a true joy having our young people in the sanctuary at the beginning of each worship service. RE Sunday is a chance to acknowledge them as well as the staff and volunteers who make it all possible.
- **Land acknowledgement statement:** Our Social Justice committee continues to do important work on a land acknowledgement statement. You will be hearing more about that in the fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

Jim Hamilton, Governing Board President

781-724-6456, [jim@greenharbor.com](mailto:jim@greenharbor.com)



### **The Envisioning Work Continues**

The result of the voting on the three motions at the May 1<sup>st</sup> special meeting means that our historic tablets will be moved from their current position to the choir loft and the wording on the crown molding above the pulpit will be covered while we consider new wording or symbolism. In addition, members voted to support the work of the Envisioning the Meeting House in the 21st Century working group moving forward.

In the short term, the work of the committee now moves to the logistics of moving the tablets and covering the text on the crown molding. We expect that the tablets will come down and the text will be covered sometime this summer. Longer term, the working group will look at what will go in place of the tablets and the wording on the crown molding, but it will also consider broader issues, including use of technology in the sanctuary and making our church experience more family friendly.

Envisioning the Meeting House in the 21st Century working group  
 Elaine Bryant, Rev. Dr. Catherine Cullen, Jim Hamilton, Caroline Mitchell, Dorothy Pilla, Carol Robison, Emily Simeone, and Tracy Wagner

P.S. The photo shown here was taken as the working group met to toast each other and celebrate the fruits of its multi-year labors.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? JUNE 2023

Summer is almost here! This month we are wrapping up our Church year with some special services. On **June 12<sup>th</sup>** we'll be celebrating our children, youth and all the people that help us provide a program filled with learning, building friendships with young and old, figuring out about what it means to be a part of a beloved community, and of course, LOVE. Please join us as we lift up this wonderful Ministry here at First Parish!



We are wrapping up our year of being together with a special end-of-year celebration. We are also preparing for our Bridging Ceremony on June 12th when we will send off Julia Conner as she graduates and moves on to her next big adventure, college! We are also saying goodbye to our wonderful Youth Advisor, McKayla Hoffman, who will be starting a 2-year Ministerial Internship at First Parish Quincy next year. What a blessing it has been to

have them here with us for the past 2 years. Don't forget to wish them well as they continue their training as a UU Minister.

To help our families stay connected over the summer, we'll be gathering for some casual church play dates. Check our FPC Parents Facebook page to see what's going on. Also be on the lookout for some free Health and Wellness workshops offered by new member Meghan Watts. I encourage you all to check out what she has to offer.



We end our church year with the theme of ***Celebrating Blessings***. Wishing you all some time this summer to reflect on how blessed we all are!

*Love & Blessings, Kate*



## ***Ring Out Justice!***



### **News of Social Justice Activities at First Parish Church**

#### **Social / Racial / Environmental Justice at First Parish Church**

*The mission of the Social Justice Committee is to provide opportunities for First Parish Church members to promote justice through service, education, and advocacy.*

*The memberships of Social, Racial and Environmental Justice have merged into a "leaderful" coalition. Jeanne Penvenne and Carrie Meier co-chair the overarching Social Justice Committee. Donna Savicki and Cindy Ladd Fiorini lead various initiatives in racial and environmental justice. All First Parish members and friends are welcome to join and participate in these activities. If you interested in joining us please contact Donna Savicki (781-585-8041 or [dsavicki@comcast.net](mailto:dsavicki@comcast.net)) or just attend any of our meetings. We meet at 9 AM the second Sunday of the month. Depending upon COVID protocols we meet in person in the Harvey Assembly Hall with hybrid ZOOM coverage or just on ZOOM. Please come!*



## **Did you know?**

### **Did You Know?**

June is Pride Month. As we begin Pride Month, we know that nearly 240 anti-LGBTQ bills have been filed in 2022 so far, most of them targeting trans people. The fight must continue for LGBTQ+ equality.



### **Green Initiative**

We have decided to allow the land at the bottom of the hill, next to the labyrinth, to go unmowed in the hopes of developing a pollinator area.

The Town of Duxbury, which has kindly been mowing it for us has agreed!

Happy bees we hope!

## **First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist** **Land Acknowledgement Principle, Practice, Process**

### **Principle:**

Land acknowledgement is a custom dating back centuries in native nations and communities. Today land acknowledgements are used by many populations to recognize indigenous peoples whose ancestral lands we now inhabit. We do so before public events and other important gatherings.

### **Practice & Process:**

A subcommittee of the Social, Racial, Environmental Justice Committee will craft a brief land acknowledgement to introduce services and public events, and a more detailed statement about why we do this. Both statements will be included in a Justice Committee Pamphlet for the pews.

We will continue to discuss this principle and practice with the congregation in anticipation of eventually bringing the practice to a vote.

### **Statement Drafts May 2022:**

#### **Short:**

We, members of First Parish Church of Duxbury, acknowledge that we occupy the ancestral and unceded lands of the Wampanoag. We confirm that we have largely neglected and misunderstood their experiences. We commit to support their efforts to regain and maintain their self-determination.

#### **Fuller:**

First Parish Church acknowledges that we are on the land once inhabited by the Wampanoag.

We are committed to honoring the sovereignty of indigenous peoples who lost their lands and their means of livelihood due to disease, war, broken treaties, massacres, forced removals, enslavement and forced assimilation. We recognize their painful history caused by European settlement.

We believe that indigenous peoples should be given reparations by the United States government and should be protected by law from further loss of land and from the termination of agreements that they hold to be beneficial.

### **Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe**

The Herring Pond Wampanoag have continuously occupied for thousands of years the land of what is now the Cedarville Region of Plymouth and has never ceded its lands by sale or treaty.

Their land rights now include their cemeteries, their Dina Path property, a 6 acre parcel deeded to them in 2019 by the town of Plymouth, and their Pondville Meetinghouse, located in Cedarville, adjacent to Herring Pond. Built in 1838 it is the focus of their existence.

They declare that they live in the heart of the long history of colonization and appropriation of indigenous lands. They say "we are not a conquered people, we are a resilient and determined people, well aware of our history and committed to preserving our tribal rights in the future."

#### **Chant of the Eastern Woodlands**

**I am as Brave as Other Men  
Men who are as brave and heroic  
As you esteem them to be  
Like them  
I also consider myself to be.**

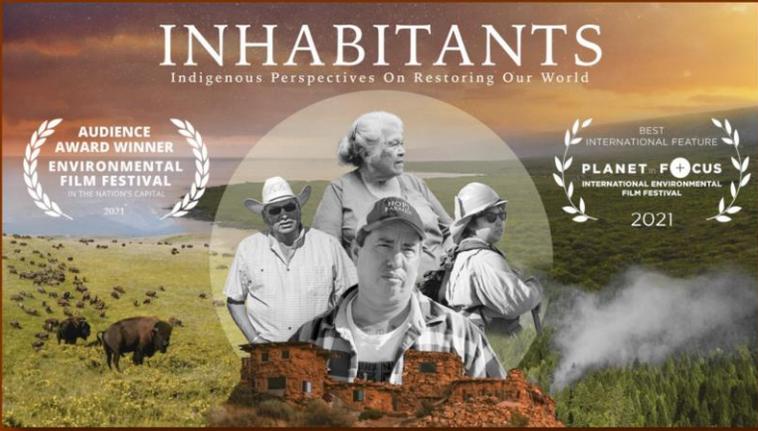


## **Black Lives Matter: What Our Faith Calls Us to Do**

Three years ago, Darnella Frazier steadfastly filmed George Floyd's murder - for more than nine minutes. Darnella Frazier – say her name. George Floyd – say his name.

Tragically, the murder of African America people continues. This time the filming was accomplished and livestreamed on Twitch by the self-styled White Supremacist who shot dead ten people and wounded three others while they were grocery shopping in Buffalo NY. We will not say his name, but this horror should fuel all of us to call out racist speech and ideas when and where we encounter them and be sure we vote for people we know we can count on to do the same.

**Jeanne Marie Penvenne**



**INHABITANTS**  
Indigenous Perspectives On Restoring Our World

Audience Award Winner  
Environmental Film Festival  
In the Nation's Capital  
2021

Best International Feature  
Planet Focus  
International Environmental  
Film Festival  
2021

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International Environmental Film Festival

From Hawaii, to the Southwest drylands, to the western mountains, to the open prairie and the northern woodlands, **INHABITANTS** shows us how Native People are working to restore their environment and provide for their families. For millennia Indigenous tribes had conserved their lands while providing for all their needs.

In this moving documentary, you will see how they can lead us toward restoration and conservation of our environment and climate.

Showing: June 2 at 7-8 PM at the  
Duxbury Free Library in the Merry Room;  
open discussion will follow the movie.



UPCOMING LGBTQ EVENTS AT THE  
DUXBURY SENIOR CENTER  
EVERYONE WELCOME FROM ALL COMMUNITIES

**Teaching Tolerance**  
**A Conversation with Bob Parlin**

Thursday, June 2, @ 5:00 p.m.

*Meet the teacher  
who co-founded  
Gender Sexuality  
Awareness, GSA,  
in public Schools*

TACO Party with the  
South Shore Taco Guy  
following the  
presentation!

**INTERGENERATIONAL  
PRIDE  
CELEBRATION**

*Music performed by  
Jasmine Vergara*

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DAY PICNIC**

RACE AMITY: THE FRIENDSHIPS AND COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RACES AND CULTURES



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LIBRARY LAWN. BRING A PICNIC BASKET AND JOIN US  
FOR GAMES, ART, AND RACE AMITY EDUCATIONAL  
MATERIALS. FREE AND OPEN TO ALL AGES!

**MONDAY JUNE 13**

SSHAGLY 7:00-9:00pm

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 15**

Bell Choir 4:00pm

**THURSDAY JUNE 16**

Governing Board Mtg. 7:00pm

**FRIDAY JUNE 17****SUMMER FAIR SET -UP****ALL DAY!****SUNDAY JUNE 18****SUMMER FAIR!!****8:30-2:00pm****SUNDAY JUNE 19****FLOWER COMMUNION****SUNDAY -- Worship 10:00 a.m.****Hybrid****MONDAY JUNE 20**

Office Closed for the Juneteenth Holiday

**TUESDAY JUNE 21****Woman's Ritual 6:00pm****SUNSET DINNER STARTING****ON DUXBURY BEACH****AROUND 6:00pm****THURSDAY JUNE 23**

Building Use Meeting 10:00am

**SUNDAY JUNE 26****FIRST FISHERMAN'S SERVICE****8:30am****MONDAY JUNE 27**

R.E. Meeting 7:00pm

**TUESDAY JUNE 28****SUNSET DINNER ON****DUXBURY BEACH-- 6:00pm****WEDNESDAY JUNE 29**

Young Pilgrims The Play for Church Members – 7:30pm

**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 **JUNE**, please contact **Liz Connors**, 781-588-322, [liz.connors@verizon.net](mailto:liz.connors@verizon.net)

**Minister's Office Hours:**

Rev. Catherine is available by Zoom or in person by appointment only. She may be contacted by cell at (781) 635-5906 or [TheRevCatherine@aol.com](mailto:TheRevCatherine@aol.com).

**Church Office Hours**

Currently with the pandemic, Lenore will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. Working from home, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This schedule could fluctuate depending on needs of the church. Please call Lenore, **781-934-6532** or email at [uuduxbury@verizon.net](mailto:uuduxbury@verizon.net) if you need anything.

**Closing for the Summer!**

We will be closing the office on **Thursday, June 30th** for the Summer!

Back open on **August 15th**.

**Ingathering – Sunday, September 11th**

*Have a Wonderful Summer Everyone!*

**ON-GOING CHURCH MEETINGS**

Family/Child Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. each month)

Joys & Concerns (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. each month)

Announcement Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. each month)

Silent Joys & Concerns (4<sup>th</sup> Sun. each month)

Membership 9:00am (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. each month)

Music Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. each month) 12 p.m.

Social Justice 9 a.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. each month)

Kindred Spirits 6:00-7:30pm on Zoom (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of each month)

**MONDAYS –**

Building Use 10 a.m. (4<sup>th</sup> Mon. each month)

Historical Committee 10:30a.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month)

Finance Committee 7 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. each month)

Welcoming Congregation 7:00pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

PFLAG – 7:30-9:00pm (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month)

RE Committee 7:00pm (4<sup>th</sup> Mon. each month)

**TUESDAYS –**

Communications 7:00pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month)

**WEDNESDAYS –**

Staff meeting 11:30 a.m. (weekly)

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

Hand Bells 4:00 p.m.

**THURSDAYS –**

Book Group 9 a.m.

Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. each month)

Agenda Setting 7-8 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. each month)

Governing Board 7 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month)

**FRIDAYS -** Committee on Ministry 5 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Fri. each month)

**SATURDAYS –** Community Table 9:15 a.m. (4<sup>th</sup> Sat. each month)

**CALLING TO ALL SISTER GODDESSES!**

This is an invitation for anyone who participated in the "**Cakes for the Queen of Heaven**" and/or the Duxbury Women's Ritual Group led by Jackie Smith-Miller and Sunsue Fleming in past years.

We will gather for a SUMMER SOLSTICE celebration and REMEMBRANCE RITUAL for Jackie Smith Miller.

**Tuesday, June 21st at 7 P.M.**

Duxbury's First Parish Church Parlor.

Please come with stories, joyful memories, items for the alter, and Goddess snacks to share. Blessed be. Elaine

**RSVP to Elaine Bryant Stephansky:**

[elaineabryant@verizon.net](mailto:elaineabryant@verizon.net) tel. 781-837-5935

or **call Elaine or Sunsue if you have any questions:**

([sun.sue.san@hotmail.com](mailto:sun.sue.san@hotmail.com)) tel. 339-225-0405





### **SUMMER FAIR NEWS!!**

**First Parish Church Summer Fair Saturday, June 18th from 8:30am to 2pm.**

**Fair Set up Friday June 17th -all day!**

**Haul Day Saturday June 11th We need your help!**

Fair Donations and Volunteers needed!

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 Needed! Donations can be dropped off at the church during business hours and Sundays before and after church beginning May 28th.** To schedule a pick-up of large items or furniture on Haul Day 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.

**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](mailto: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, 15 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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**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

**CHILDREN'S WHITE ELEPHANT:** Toys, games and puzzles in good, clean and saleable condition. Please, no car seats, cribs or videotapes

**BAKE TABLE:** Baked sweets and treats are needed!

Please sign up at coffee hour. Thank you for supporting this community wide event! **Tracy Wagner**



### **Attention All Gardeners!**

It's that time of year again, the gardens are springing up and and it's time to get out and divide up your perennials, clean out your sheds, and think about the plant sale at the Church Fair! We need your help to make our Fair a success

**We appreciate donations of garden tools, garden decor, and decorative pots. Most importantly we need plants!**

Please consider potting up some of your extra plants for the fair. You can leave your donated plants under/by the stairs outside (Town Hall side) going up to the Harvey Assembly Hall.

If you need help or would like to help with the plant sale please contact Liz Christmann, [lizchristmann@gmail.com](mailto:lizchristmann@gmail.com), 781-585-6107 or sign up after church.

Iris and Orange daylillies do not sell well so please add those to your compost. Thank you!



## HISTORY PARISH CHURCH FAIR

Fairs have been part of First Parish Church history as early as 1839 according to a letter written to Elizabeth Bradford in Boston by her sister Lucia Alden Bradford on May 2, 1839. “I went to Mrs. Hathaway’s last Monday evening to the monthly antislavery meeting.... and we talked some about sending our fair things to Boston.”

Many fairs are mentioned in memoirs and letters throughout the history of FPC. According to Elizabeth S. Peterson in her “Earlier Days of the First Parish, Duxbury: Fact and Fancy” (1890-1920), “Practical hand-maidens of the Lord, in the 1890s, were the women of the Unitarian Sewing Circle and of the Alliance, its successor after 1906.” “Money was raised by large biennial summer fairs, of two days duration. These were held at Academy Hall or Duxbury Hall or Mattakeesett before we acquired the Washington Street Parish House. Each year the Sewing Circle ran a Halloween Party, a Christmas sale, Valentine or Washington Birthday party, a May party and sometimes in June, a strawberry festival. The Almanac had to be studied to plan these “on the moon”, as there were no street lights and hand-lanterns gave poor illumination for the rough sidewalks and roads.”

The Annual Report of the Unitarian Sewing Circle from October 1900-August 1901 gives us a detailed and interesting account of the 1901 Summer Fair. “The fair for which we all worked during the year was held in Mattakeesett Hall, Aug 8th and 9th, and was a great success. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion. Supper being served in the basement.” The Annual report names the women responsible for each table as well as its location. There were tables for souvenirs, fancy and useful articles, (towels, tablecloths, pillow slips, bed quilts, collars, socks, aprons, pottery), a remembrance table, grabs, articles for children, and food, ice cream, candy, and lemonade. “The gross receipts of all this was \$511.33, Expenses \$60.89, Net \$450.44.” The final words of the Report, “After the fair we adjourned until the 1st Wednesday in October.”

**Be part of First Parish Church History!**

**Join us on Saturday, June 18th for the 172nd FPC Summer Fair!**





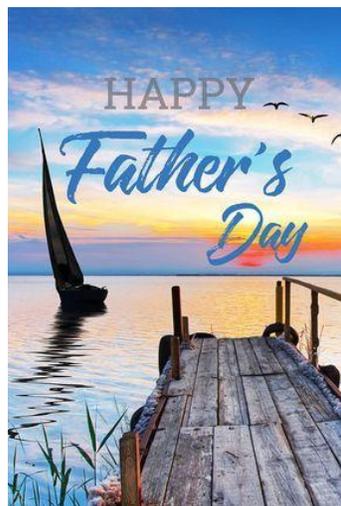
**Only 31 Days Until Fisherman's Services Begin Again!**

Our first Fisherman's Service of the Summer will be on **June 26, 2022**. It will be a glorious sharing of some of our favorite poems. Then over the next 10 Sundays, we will be asking YOU to think of the serious, sad, funny, silly, weighty, or absurd subject you'd like to present over 10-15 minutes to a friendly, receptive audience on our magnificent patio one sunny Sunday morning (equally magnificent Chapel if it's raining).

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!!**

We can't wait to hear from you—Reserve your Sunday Now!

Contact Michael Gardner to reserve the Sunday that best fits your summer plans.





**Tuesday Night Summer Sunset Suppers @Duxbury Beach**  
**Begins Tuesday June 21st, around 6pm**

Come join us for supper (bring your own) and conversation as we watch the sun set together! Tuesdays on the Bay side at Duxbury Beach.

No beach sticker? Not a problem.....just meet us at the beginning of Powder Point Bridge (where you can park without a sticker) around 5:45 and either walk across the bridge or text Catherine for a ride (781-635-5906)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS WORKSHOPS  
 COMING TO FPC THIS SUMMER!



Hi, everyone! My name is Meghan Watts, and I am a new member of First Parish. I have been attending services for a little over a month, and I have loved the church's focus on celebrating humanity and our relationship with the natural world. I was also pleasantly surprised when I found out Rev. Cullen is Buddhist because I have practiced mindfulness for many years both personally and professionally; first as a Clinical Social Worker and currently as a Health Coach.

Outside of First Parish, I own a business called Back to Basics Health Coaching. My mission is to help adults make meaningful and lasting lifestyle and diet changes so they can live every day to its fullest. I take a holistic approach, meaning I explore not only diet and exercise, but also relationships, increasing positive emotions, living life with purpose, and other areas that are important to our wellbeing.

I will be offering two free workshops through First Parish this summer. I am also interested in hearing from you all about health topics that you'd like to learn more about! I invite you to email me at [meghan@basicshealthcoaching.com](mailto:meghan@basicshealthcoaching.com) with topic ideas. I also would love for you to check out my website for more information ([www.basicshealthcoaching.com](http://www.basicshealthcoaching.com)) and follow me on Instagram for tips, health challenges, and occasional pictures of my dog (@backtobasics\_healthcoaching).

I look forward to getting to know you all!