

The Bell-Ringer

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



OUR ALL CHURCH THEME FOR MAY IS "Creativity". WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7th – <u>"Bearing Ukraine in Mind: One Year On"</u> -- Duxbury resident and Ukrainian American Svitlana Odnovorov, and her son Artem, will share with us their native country, its history before and during the current war, concerns for friends and family still in Ukraine, and some of its musical culture. Our Bell Choir and Ed Swanborn will perform selected works of Ukrainian music as well. And following the service, Artem will provide a powerpoint, for those interested, on Ukrainian history, in greater depth.

May 14th – <u>"MUSIC SUNDAY"</u> – Mother's Day -- This year's Music Sunday will feature baritone Ron Williams in a diverse program of Songs & Arias. Recognized nationwide for his artistry in the field of opera, oratorio and recital, Ron Williams continues to gather acclaim for his work onstage and in the concert hall. He has sung leading roles with opera companies nationally and internationally. In New England, Williams debuted with Boston Lyric Opera in the revival of Kurt Weill's "Lost in the Stars", receiving critical acclaim from The New York Times.

May 21st -- <u>"Celebration Sunday"</u> --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. May 28th -- <u>"We Remember Them"</u>-- Memorial Day weekend is the time each year when we intentionally honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom....Come light a candle for someone you are thinking about this year..

COMING EVENTS SATURDAY APRIL 29th

MAY BASKETS 1:00-3:00pm - Rain

or Shine! SUNDAY APRIL 30th Worship 10:00am OWL 4:00-6:30pm MONDAY MAY 1st **DUE DATE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MTG.** Seeing Scared Photo 9:00-12:00pm WEDNESDAY MAY 3 Bell Choir 5:00pm **THURSDAY MAY 4** Book Club 9:00am Drop In Art 9:00-12:00pm Worship/Music 7:00pm **FRIDAY MAY 5** Family Fun Night 6:00-8:00pm **SATURDAY MAY 6** Shirat Hayam 10:00am South Shore Folk Concert 7:00pm **SUNDAY MAY 7** Worship 10:00am Cell Program Mtg. 9:00am **AFTER CHURCH BY-LAWS**

MEETING

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Who can be grim in the face of such abundance?... The voluptuous rhododendron and the plain grass are equally filled with themselves, equally declare the miracles of color and form...--Rev. Lynn Ungar

Spring has finally sprung---look around you and enjoy! What a planet :)



Catherine

First Parish Church

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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 Jackie Smith-Miller, Dir. of Religious Education, Emerita Lenore O'Malley, Church Administrator Elaine Stephansky, Bell Choir Director

Edwin Swanborn, Music Director

Sunsue Fleming, Director of Religious Education, Emerita



Governing Board President's Report

The Governing Board has been busy this spring. Transition is a big theme and the ministerial transition team made up of Regina Mortland, Ted Lillys, Donna Savicki, Emily Simeone and Lilly Leedom is working hard on getting an interim minister that will fit our congregation. There was a lot of information gathering involved in putting together a package of facts that represented who we are. Stay tuned in May for the results!

At the same time, your Governing Board Vice President Tracy Wagner and I are busy interviewing and talking to all the staff and chairs of key committees as we prepare to wrap up Catherine's ministry and embark on two years of interim ministry. This is ongoing and if you have any questions or concerns please contact either one of us.

Another initiative is reimagining the various financial people and groups into a newly defined Finance Committee. Tracy and I have been meeting with this group of people to try it out for the last few months and it seems to be working really well with lots of sharing of information and ideas. For example - Venmo is coming!! This is a By-Laws change and the opportunity to find out more information about it and ask questions will be presented after church on May 7.

At the last meeting the Governing Board discussed having a display protesting gun violence over the summer on our front lawn. This is still in the planning stages and we would encourage anyone who has ideas on this.

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There are 5 people who are going to attend General Assembly either in person or virtually. We have one delegate card still available. Let me know if you are interested.

Lastly SAVE THE DATE - June 11 - for a Sunday morning service celebrating Catherine and Catherine's party at 4-6:30 at the church!

In faith -Cindy Ladd Fiorini, Chair for the Board



POOL PARTY STILL OPEN TO ALL!!

At the Service Auction, Rick and I offered a summer pool party at our house for adults and children on **Saturday July 29 from 1** - 4. We will have snacks and some beverages but mostly a time in the summer to get together and have some fellowship. There is still room for more! To sign up see either Jim Hamilton or myself. The donation to the Service Auction is \$10 per person, \$20 per family! Hope to see you then! Cindy Ladd Fiorini, <u>claddfiorini@gmail.com</u>



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Revisions to our bylaws will be offered for approval at the Annual Program Meeting next month.

In brief, the proposed changes are:

- References to 'chairperson' and 'chairpersons' have been replaced with 'chair' and 'chairs'

- References to chairs serving no more than two years have been removed

- The prior Finance Committee description has been removed

- References to the Director of Religious Education (DRE) have been replaced with Director of Community Life and Learning (DCLL)

- Communications has been updated to Communications, Systems, and Information Technology and provided with a new description

- The new Finance Committee description has been added under Appointed Committees

- The Systems and Information Technology description has been removed

- References to the individual Communications and Information Technology committees have been reworded

- The reference to the date of the Personnel Policy Manual has been removed (under Personnel)

- The Social Justice committee text has been updated and now includes a reference to Welcoming Congregation

- The Welcoming Congregation section has been removed

- A table of contents has been inserted

Aside from updates and minor revisions for readability, proposed changes include combining committees (Social Justice and Welcoming Committee/ Communications and Systems & Information Technology) that have already merged in practice.

The purpose of restructuring the Finance Committee is to assign responsibility for drafting the annual budget to the people most closely informed of church finances, and streamline the approval process for capital projects and unforeseen expenses.

This new Finance Committee will, if approved, become an appointed committee, with the following composition and charge:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall consist of eight (8) Members of the Parish. Seven (7) shall be appointed on ex officio basis: the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Finance Liaison, representatives from the Stewardship Committee and Trustees of Parish Funds, and two (2) members of the Treasurer team. One committee member shall be elected from the Parish at large to a three (3) year term. The Treasurer shall be a non-voting member. It shall prepare an annual budget for review by the Governing Board and advise the Board on all matters of finance. Minutes shall be taken at all meetings. A copy of these minutes shall be delivered promptly to the Administrative Assistant to be placed on file and shall be made available on request to all Members and Friends of the Parish.

An information session to discuss these proposed changes will be held following worship on May 7.

Members of the Bylaws Committee are Bob Clark (<u>rjclark1950@gmail.com</u>), Amy Hamilton (<u>AmyHamilton416@gmail.com</u>), Jim Hamilton (<u>jim@GreenHarbor.com</u>), and Jeanne McKinney (<u>alexam19@verizon.net</u>).



Welcome to the month of creativity! It's getting to that point in the church year where it feels like everything is coming up so quickly! We have a lot going on this month, so I'll just get to it.

On Friday, May 5th the RE Committee is hosting a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner with childcare to foster and strengthen the connections among our families. Our Religious Education program is growing and we are intentionally planning oportunities for our newer families to connect with one another and learn about what our RE proggram and our broader church community have to offer. We are in need of a couple of adult volunteers to help with the kids (we have 19 signed up so far!) ALL of the RE comm members are parents of young kids themselves, so please help out if you can.

Sunday, May 7th we are bringing back the Hunger Walk. During the service, the RE kids will be walking a course in the Cemetary to raise money for the 55th *Annual Project Bread's Walk for Hunger* to breack the cyle of hunger in Massachusetts. Our kids will be asking for you to sponsor them – be on the lookout for our kids to be coming around during coffee hour with pen and paper in hand! Please help our children understand that our actions are how we live our principles in the world, and it is our responsibility as UU's to take care of people who are in need.



Sunday, May 21st is Celebration Sunday. Please 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.



Finally, our 4th-6th grade OWL class will be wrapping up this month with a celebration dinner for the kids and their families. This class was a great success thanks to Tracy Wagner & David Murphy for stepping up and facilitating this program for our young youth, and to the parents who recognized the value of having their children participate. It was an enormous commitment for everyone involved. Our OWL programming

(Our Whole Lives) is one of the most important things we can do as UU's for our children, youth and their families. Continued congregational support of UUA OWL Programming demonstrates our community's commitment to helping our families raise healthy, informed and spiritually grounded young people.









Ring Out Justice! News of Social Justice Activities at First Parish Church

Social Justice Committee Members:

Ann Callanan, Sally Delisa, Mary Flanagan, Cindy Ladd Fiorini, Sherry Gardner, Bob Hughes, Eleanor McGonagle, Carrie Meier, Sarah Moran, Carol Nappellio, Peter Nappellio, Jeanne Penvenne, Susan Rudman, Judy Savage, Donna Savicki, Mark Schlesinger, PJ Simeone, Emily Simeone, Cindy Simmons, Cindy Wilson, Ronnie Whelan.

Membership in the Social Justice Committee is open to all FPC members and friends. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Donna Savicki (781-585-8041 or dsavicki@comcast.net) or just drop in on one of our meetings. The Social Justice Committee meets at 9:00am in the Harvey Assembly Hall the third Sunday of the month.

This Sunday's Share the Plate and Special Service – Sunday, April 30th



Indigenous Peoples and the Earth A Service on April 30th Share The Plate

This Sunday, April 30th we will have a service relating to local Indigenous Peoples of the past and present.

Dawn Duncan, a board member of the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness, will speak about her connection to the earth, her spirituality and the work of the MCNAA. We will share the proposed Land Acknowledgement. There will be poetry and music of Native Americans with drumming, singing, a Native Poetry video, the Bell Choir, and hymns about our connection to the Earth, including one sung by Soprano Cantor Louise Treitman. After the service, there will be a **Question and Answer** time with Dawn Duncan. Don't miss this special service!



<u>SHARE THE PLATE - MAY</u> <u>CROSSROADS C5 LEADERS PROGRAM</u>

Once a month, our Church's entire plate collection is donated to a non profit agency whose mission aligns with our UU principles and that has been nominated by a church member and selected by the Share the Plate Selection Committee.

On May 21st, the **C5 Leaders Program of Crossroads** for Kids in Duxbury will be our beneficiary. This is an intensive experiential learning program for teens in grades 8-12 from Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Quincy and Brockton neighborhoods, where poverty rates far exceed the state average. The program includes weekend workshops during the school year and overnight experiences .each summer. as well as peer mentorship, academic counseling, college career exploration. and more. This program was nominated by Mary Flanagan.

If you are interested in serving on the Share the Plate Committee, or have an organization you would like to nominate for our next church year, please contact Kathleen Teehan or Eleanor McGonagle.



PLYMOUTH LUNCH PREPARATION

WE NEED A FEW MORE SANDWICH AND DESSERT MAKERS!!

Every Tuesday our own Bob Hughes goes to Plymouth Center and delivers fabulous turkey and cheese sandwich lunches to our homeless friends. 2 people a week to make just 10 sandwiches each, and 1 dessert maker!!!

> Any questions please call Donna Savicki 781-696-3026 or Sherry Gardner 617-650-7473. **THANK YOU!**

> > Link to Help Out:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aRoaqecyIlg9red1JCipI06NIoL_II7H8vtxxedKXek/edit? usp=sharing



Clothing needed for Children in Head Start

Through the Box Project, we give children in Head Start clothes for spring and summer. They need Boys' sizes 4,5,6,7 and Girl's sizes 3,4 and 5. Please contact Carrie Meier at <u>carriemeier1@comcast.net</u>. You can bring them to church this Sunday.

Thank you for your support of this program!

SPRING TOWN-WIDE LITTER SWEEP



SATURDAY MAY 6TH, 2023 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM MEET-UP AT TARKILN COMMUNITY CENTER

duxburylittersweep@gmail.com



MONDAY MAY 8 Seeing Sacred Photo 9:00-12:00pm SSHAGLY 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

Small Group 9:30-11:00am Bell Choir 5:00pm

THURSDAY MAY 11 Book Club 9:00am Drop in Art 9:00-12:00pm

FRIDAY MAY 12 Knitting 2:00pm Bay Players Performance 8:00pm SATURDAY MAY 13 Bay Players Performance 8:00pm

SUNDAY MAY 14 MOTHER'S DAY!

Worship 10:00 a.m. OWL 4:00-6:30pm MONDAY MAY 15

Seeing Sacred Photo 9:00-12:00pm

TUESDAY MAY 16 Small Group 10:30am WEDNESDAY MAY 17 Bell Choir 5:00pm THURSDAY MAY 18

9:00 Book Club

Drop in Art 9:00-12:00pm Governing Board Mtg. 7:00pm

FRIDAY MAY 19 Bay Players Performance 8:00pm

SATURDAY MAY 20 Shirat Hayam 10:00-11:30am Bay Players Performance 8:00pm

SUNDAY MAY 21

RE SUNDAY

Worship 10:00 am Social Justice 9:00am OWL 4:00-6:30pm

Bay Players Performance 3:00pm

MONDAY MAY 22 Seeing Scared Photo 9:00-12:00pm SSHAGLY 7:00pm PFLAG 7:00-9:00pm WEDNESDAY MAY 24

JUNE BELLRINGER DEADLINE Small Group 9:30-11 Bell Choir 5:00pm THURDAY MAY 25

Book Club 9:00am Drop in Art 9:00-12:00pm

SUNDAY MAY 28

Worship 10:00am OWL 4:00-6:30pm MONDAY MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY!



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. If you know someone needing assistance during **May**, the contact is <u>Kathy Bray</u>, <u>kbray8832@gmail.com</u>, 339-793-0073.

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 <u>TheRevCatherine@aol.com</u>, at her cell number, or by leaving a message at the church.



DCLL's Office Hours:

Kate's regular office hours are **Tues., from 11-2pm**, and **Thur. from 1-4 p.m**. Fridays are her days off. She may be contacted by cell at (617) 947-9444. If you need to schedule an appointment during office hours or any time after office hours, please feel free to contact Kate at <u>katesullivan@uudux.org</u>, or her cell number.

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 <u>uuduxbury@verizon.net</u> if you need anything. **ON-GOING CHURCH MEETINGS**

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 9:00a.m. (3rd Sun. each month) Cell Program (9:00a.m. 1st Sun. each month) Social Justice 9:00a.m. (3rd Sun. each month **MONDAYS** -Scared Seeing Photography Class 9:00-12:00pm Building Use 10:00a.m. (4th Mon. each month) Historical Committee 10:30a.m. (1st Monday of each month) Finance Committee 7:00p.m. (2nd Mon. each month) PFLAG - 7:30-9:00p.m. (4th Monday of each month) RE Committee 7:00pm (4th Mon. each month) **TUESDAYS** -Communications 7:00p.m. (2nd Tuesday of every month) WEDNESDAYS -Hand Bells 5:00p.m. Staff meeting 11:30 a.m. (weekly) Buildings & Grounds 9-11 a.m. (1st Wed. each month) THURSDAYS -Book Group 9:00 a.m. FPC Artworks Drop in 9:00-12:00pm Worship/Music Committee 7:00 p.m. (1st Thurs. each month) Governing Board 7 p.m. (3rd Thurs. each month) FRIDAYS -Committee on Ministry 5 p.m. (1st Fri. each month) SATURDAYS -Community Table

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

Maypole Dance and May Basket Workshop This Saturday, April 30th!



We will dance around the Maypole and make beautiful May Day baskets.

When: This Saturday, April 29th Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm Where: The Front Lawn

Come join us for this fun multi-generational event! And, bring a friend or two!

RSVP: Joy Sawyer at <u>joysawyer12@gmail.com</u> to let us know how many will be in your group.



June Bell-Ringer Deadline Wednesday, May 24th



Attention All Committee Chairs! Sunday, June 4th at 9:45am Annual Meeting!

COMMITTEE REPORTS NEEDED!

Your reports must be submitted by **Sunday**, **May 1st** to be included in the Annual Meeting package!



Fairworkers' Potluck Gathering: Thursday May 11 at 6:30 pm at the Wagners

With the Summer Fair rapidly approaching, we thought it would be great to start with a celebration. All fair workers (new and old) are invited to a potluck supper on Thursday May 11 at 6:30 pm at Tracy and Mike Wagner's house. We'll brainstorm a bit about making this year's fair the best ever, but we'll mainly socialize and have some pre-fair fun.

RSVP if you can make it.

Hope to see you there!

Jim Hamilton (781-724-6456, <u>jim@greenharbor.com</u>) Chair, Summer Fair



<u>SUMMER FAIR NEWS!!</u> Saturday, June 17th from 8:30am to 2pm. Fair Set up Friday June 16th -all day! Haul Day Saturday June 10th 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 after Memorial Day. 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**, <u>alil2@comcast.net</u> 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!

Jim Hamilton

781-724-6456, jim@greenharbor.com



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, <u>lizchristmann@gmail.com</u>, 781-585-6107 or sign up after church.

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

<u>Sunday Service, May 14th, 10:00am</u> <u>Music Sunday -- Mother's Day</u>



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For more, see: www.ronsings.com



COFFEE HR HOSTING IS ROTATED BY MEMBERS/FRIEND'S LAST NAMES!

When it's your turn, please bring food to share and arrive @ 9:15AM to set up and help host! Coffee is made for you and sides are always stocked.

Instructions are on-line: https://uudux.org/first-parish-church-documents-and-forms/ A member of the fellowship committee will be there to assist. We really need your help!

 MAY 7
 D, E, F

 MAY 14
 G, H, I, J

 MAY 21
 K, L

 MAY 28
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 JUNE 4
 N, O, P

 JUNE 11
 Q, R, S

 JUNE 17
 T - Z



Only 55 Days Until Fisherman's Services Begin Again!

Our first Fisherman's Service of the Summer will be on June 25, 2023. 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.



Ferry Beach offers summer camp for grown ups!

Save the Date: August 27-30 The Ferry Beach Getaway is perfect for those who long ago aged out of summer camp but still yearn for the camaraderie and activities of camp. This year's offerings include Eco-Printing, a nature walk, New England Country Dance, yoga, and a bocce tournament – along with beach walks, hanging out with new friends on the porch and the beach, and lots of laughter during evening games. You're a grown up now so you can do as much – or as little – as you wish. For more information: <u>https://www.ferrybeach.org/thebeach-getaway.html</u> -- submitted by Heidi Hertel-Therrien and Louise Marcoux, cocoordinators of The Beach Getaway.