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



JUNE 2023



OUR ALL CHURCH THEME FOR JUNE IS “DELIGHT”.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 4th -- “Annual Program Meeting” -- From 9-9:30 Michael Gardner and Catherine will led a brief worship experience, “Searching For Catherine, Searching For First Parish (we will also celebrate Mary Ann Kaufmann’s life). At 9:45 our Annual Program Meeting will begin.

June 11th -- “A Service in Honor of Catherine’s Ministry” -- Please join us to celebrate Catherine’s 19 years ministry with music, memories and blessings. **Reverend Ken Read-Brown** will share his sermon, **“What are we doing here?”**

June 18th -- “Flower Communion Sunday” – As we always do, we will celebrate our last “regular” worship service (**and Catherine’s last service!**) -- Bring a flower to church to add to our Flower Communion service!

June 25th -- Fisherman’s Services begin!! – (more information inside)



COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JUNE 1

Bell choir 5:00pm

Worship/Music 7:00pm

FRIDAY JUNE 2

Classroom Rental 4:00pm

SUNDAY JUNE 4

Worship 9:00-9:30am

ANNUAL MEETING 9:45am

MONDAY JUNE 5

Growth Team 9:00am

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

Bell Choir 5:00pm

Trustees Mtg. 7:00pm

THURSDAY JUNE 8

Small group 10:30am

SATURDAY JUNE 10

HAUL DAY!

SUNDAY JUNE 11

Worship 10:00am

Catherine’s Celebration

4:00-6:30pm

MONDAY JUNE 12

SSHAGLY 7:00-9:00pm



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MINISTER...

I’ve heard it said,

That people come into our lives,

For a reason

Bringing something we must learn

And we are lead to those,

Who help us most to grow if we let them

And we help them in return

Well I don’t know if I believe that’s true

But I know I’m who I am today,

Because I knew you . . .

It well may be,

That we will never meet again,

In this lifetime

So let me say before we part,

So must of me,

Is made of what I learned from you

You’ll be with me,

Like a hand print on my heart

And now whatever way our stories end,

I know you have rewritten mine. . .

Because I knew you,

I have been changed

For good

---lyrics from “For Good” (from the musical “Wicked”)

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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

Dear Friends,

This year has indeed been a time of "lasts" ---and this is my last Bellringer message to you.

What can I say? It's been an amazing run, hasn't it? I'm so glad we found each other nineteen years ago. When I was transitioning from law to parish ministry, I never imagined I would have such a rich, rewarding and joyful experience as I have had at FPC.....

Thank you, thank you for the honor and the privilege of allowing me to be your minister ---and yes, each one of you, my Beloveds, and this Beloved Community we have created together will always be a handprint on my heart

But the party's not over yet! We've still got

- **Annual Meeting** next Sunday (I love to watch your democratic ways in action!!),
- our **CELEBRATION SUNDAY** on June 11 (**SUNDAY WORSHIP** at 10am and a **FAREWELL RECEPTION** that afternoon from 4-6:30),
- the **SUMMER FAIR** (woohoo !!!)
- and my final Sunday service among you on **Flower Communion Sunday**

Seems like the fun never stops, 'eh??

In faith and affection <3

Catherine

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
FAREWELL WINE AND
CHEESE RECEPTION
IN HONOR OF

Rev. Dr. Catherine Cullen



SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2023
4-6:30PM
ALL ARE INVITED!

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
842 TREMONT ST, DUXBURY, MA
(NEXT TO DUXBURY TOWN HALL)



Governing Board

From the Governing Board: The President's Report

It seems unbelievable that another church year is coming to an end. It's been a really good year in many respects - AND there is more to come through the month of June!

First I want to raise up some important upcoming events. On June 4th we will have our Annual Meeting. Services are at 9 and the meeting will start at 9:45. We will have our regular reports as well as three important votes. We will be voting on a Land Acknowledgment, on some significant By-Laws changes and on Minister Emerita status for Catherine. Please make the time in your busy spring schedules to attend.

Speaking of Catherine, June 11 will be a celebration of her ministry. A very special worship service is being planned for the morning. Then in the afternoon from 4 - 6:30 everyone is invited for a celebration in the Hall with food and drinks, music by the Flaming Chalices and some really important speakers. I hope you can all attend.

Second, I want to take a moment or two to announce that we have been matched with a very experienced interim minister, the Rev. Susan Milnor. As of this writing we are still working out the details of her contract, but all will be in order and she will be starting with us on August 1st. She will want to be meeting with people and getting the lay of the land before the new church year starts. I send a big hearty welcome to Rev. Milnor!!

One of the most important initiatives that the Governing Board has accomplished this year is the consolidation of our finance people. (This is pending a positive vote at annual meeting for it to become permanent.) Tracy and I have been meeting and talking with all the Finance people all together and so much great information is being shared and discussed. Our finances are really in pretty good shape and I believe our deficit will be less than anticipated.

The Governing Board is having to say goodbye to two important members that are rotating off. Regina Mortland has been a wonderful clerk and a valued addition to all of our discussions. Pat Slechta has also provided very valuable counsel as we have grappled with some thorny issues. We will miss them both and we thank them for their service.

See you at the Fair on June 17 and in the days leading up to it!! Fair time is the best time. If you haven't yet signed up to help it is absolutely not too late.

In faith,
Cindy Ladd Fiorini



Summer is just around the corner! This month we are wrapping up our Church year with some special services and activities. On June 4th we will have our Annual Meeting with a brief service starting at 9am. During the meeting, our kids will be working on something special for Rev. Catherine. On the 11th, there will be a very special service honoring Rev. Catherine as she leaves First Parish and moves on to her next adventure. We will finish up our “good-bye to Rev. Catherine” project and prepare for the last “regular” service of the year, our traditional UU Flower Communion.

We end our church year with a goodbye to Rev Catherine and anticipation of new things to come as we welcome our interim minister into our community in the Fall. Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with fun with family and good friends!

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) 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!

Poverty, Environmental Crises, Racial, Migrant and Gender Injustice **Does Not End in June!**

We have had an exciting and productive year with education, service and advocacy. Please explore opportunities to sustain these initiatives through the summer. Fisherman's Services, Tuesday Lunch Programs, The General Assembly and other initiatives invite your participation.

We all can promote justice together. Thanks to all who put in an oar this year, and best luck to all going forward.

Jeanne Marie Penvenne, Chair of Social Justice
Donna Savicki, Vice Chair



PLYMOUTH LUNCH PREPARATION

PLYMOUTH LUNCHES CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!!!

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/1aRoaqecyllg9red1JCipI06NIoL_I17H8vtxxedKXek/edit?usp=sharing

A colorful poster for the 'Race Amity Day Celebration' at the Duxbury Free Library. The poster features a blue and pink background. At the top left is the Duxbury Free Library logo, and at the top right is the Duxbury Interfaith Council (DIC) logo. In the center is a heart-shaped logo with the text 'Race Amity' and 'Duxbury'. Below this, the title 'RACE AMITY DAY CELEBRATION' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the title is a quote: 'RACE AMITY: "THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME RACIAL PREJUDICE THROUGH ASSOCIATION, GOOD WILL, AND COLLABORATION"'. Below the quote is an illustration of a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities standing in a line, holding hands. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH 2023, 1-3PM', 'DUXBURY FREE LIBRARY', and '77 ALDEN STREET, DUXBURY MA'. At the very bottom, a paragraph reads: 'CELEBRATE RACE AMITY DAY WITH A GATHERING ON THE LIBRARY LAWN. JOIN US FOR GAMES, ART, MUSIC, AND RACE AMITY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. ALL AGES WELCOME!'

Film Showing at First Parish Plymouth

Friday, June 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

12 Church Street, Plymouth - 508-747-1606

Doors open @ 6:30 pm

Q & A @ 7:40 pm led by Linda Lancaster of CCL



CURRENT REVOLUTION

TRANSFORMING AMERICA'S ELECTRIC GRID

Refreshments provided by
Social Action Committee of First Parish Plymouth.

Shown in collaboration with
Sustainable Plymouth and the
Citizens' Climate Lobby.



WEDNESDAY JUNE 14

Small Group 9:30-11:00am

Bell Choir 5:00pm

THURSDAY JUNE 15

Governing Board Mtg. 7:00pm

FRIDAY JUNE 16**SUMMER FAIR SET-UP****ALL DAY!****SUNDAY JUNE 17****SUMMER FAIR!!****8:30-2:00pm****SUNDAY JUNE 18****FLOWER COMMUNION****SUNDAY -- Worship 10:00 a.m.****MONDAY JUNE 19**

Office Closed for the Juneteenth Holiday

SATURDAY JUNE 24

Memorial Service 11:00am

SUNDAY JUNE 25**FIRST FISHERMAN'S SERVICE****8:00am****MONDAY JUNE 26****Fairfield Children's Choir****7:00pm** (more info inside)

PFLAG 7:00pm

SSHAGLY 7:00pm

TUESDAY JUNE 28

Small Group 9:30-11:00am

**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

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.

**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 katesullivan@uudux.org, 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 uuduxbury@verizon.net if you need anything.

**Closing for the Summer!**

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

Back open on **August 16th.**

Ingathering – Sunday, September 10th

Have a Wonderful Summer Everyone!

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 9:00am (3rd Sun. each month)
 Music Committee (1st Sun. each month) 12 p.m.
 Social Justice 9 a.m. (2nd Sun. each month)
 Kindred Spirits 6:00-7:30pm on Zoom (1st Sun. of each month)

MONDAYS –

Building Use 10 a.m. (4th Mon. each month)
 Historical Committee 10:30a.m. (1st Monday of 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)
 RE Committee 7:00pm (4th Mon. each month)

TUESDAYS –

Communications 7:00pm (2nd Tuesday of every month)

WEDNESDAYS –

Staff meeting 11:30 a.m. (weekly)
 Buildings & Grounds 9-11 a.m. (1st Wed. each month)
 Hand Bells 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS –

Book Group 9 a.m.
 Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. (1st Thurs. each month)
 Agenda Setting 7-8 p.m. (2nd Thurs. each month)
 Governing Board 7 p.m. (3rd Thurs. each month)

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

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

We Remember Them

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..

May 28th, 10am
 All are Welcome

Join us IN-Person or on ZOOM at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81682270550>

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 4th, 9am

From 9-9:30 Michael Gardner and Catherine will led a brief worship experience, "Searching For Catherine, Searching For First Parish (we will also celebrate Mary Ann Kaufmann's life). At 9:45 our Annual Program Meeting will begin.

Join us IN-Person or on ZOOM at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81682270550>



Annual Meeting
June 4th
9:45am
(service 9:00-9:30am)



SUMMER FAIR NEWS!!

First Parish Church Summer Fair 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**, 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!

Jim Hamilton
Chair, Summer Fair
 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, lizchristmann@gmail.com, 781-585-6107 or sign up after church.

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



Haul Day - Need Volunteers

The Summer Fair is fast approaching and we need volunteers for Haul Day, Saturday, June 10th. We start at 8:30 AM and are usually done by 1:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for some of our younger members to volunteer who may not have the time for other long term commitments. This is a one and done commitment that helps make our Summer Fair the success it has always been. Our older members who volunteer every year for this are also welcome and I will be in touch.

If you can spare one Saturday morning I would really appreciate it. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Jay Bray
email: jaybray8832@gmail.com
cell: 339-793-0747



The Jewelry Table is in Need of Jewelry!

It is that time again to clean out your jewelry box and donate your unused or rarely used jewelry to the Church Fair.

You may drop it off in front of the basement door labeled JEWELRY. We will untangle, polish, box and sell your gems at the Fair on June 17th.

Thank you for any donations!



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!***

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JUNE 4 N, O, P
JUNE 11 Q, R, S
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Only 30 Days Until Fisherman's Services Begin Again!

Our first Fisherman's Service of the Summer will be on **June 25th**! 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.

THE AWARD WINNING
Fairfield County Children's Choir
Chamber Singers

present their
2023 SUMMER TOUR

First Congregational Church of Falmouth
Sunday, June 25th ~ 7:00PM | 68 Main St, Falmouth, MA

First Parish Church
Monday, June 26th ~ 7:00PM | 842 Tremont St, Duxbury, MA

**The Tabernacle at Martha's Vineyard
Camp Meeting Association**
Wednesday, June 28th ~ 7:00PM | 80 Trinity Park, Oak Bluffs, MA

Selections include Franz Biebl Ave Maria, Ma Ghile Mear, Kaval Sviri,
Down by the Riverside, Cape Cod Shanty, Route 66, Bridge Over Troubled Water

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Fairfield County Children's Choir Chamber Singers will be performing at FPC!

**Monday, June 26th
7:00pm**

