



## First Parish in Framingham (Unitarian Universalist)

*A Welcoming Congregation*

24 Vernon Street

Framingham, MA 01701

First Parish News

February 6, 2008

### *Sunday Worship, 9:15 and 11 am services:*

Sunday, February 10

*"Already Broken, Already Whole"*

A glass vase will one day shatter. If we accept it as "already broken", Buddhists advise, we may appreciate it more while it is whole. In this sense, everything is already broken: our bodies, our relationships, our planet. But at the soul level we are also "already whole" - innocent,

intact, and everything we need to be at this moment. Our guest preacher is the Reverend Fred Small, UU minister from Littleton, Massachusetts. Rev. Small is a former environmental lawyer and folksinger, and co-chair of 'Religious Witness for the Earth.'

Sunday, February 17

*"Listening and Love"*

A service about listening as a spiritual practice.

--The Reverend Kathleen Hepler

Sunday, February 24

*"Crying as a Political Act"*

Oh my gosh, she teared up! Is she strong enough to be President? Oh my gosh, he cried! He's got my vote! Who gets to cry? And what is it saying? And what does it mean to "keep ourselves together"?

--The Reverend Kathleen Hepler

Sunday, March 2

*"Tending the Spirit"*

This sermon will explore the sacred dimensions of our faith community. What is a spiritual home? — Rebekah Ingram

Rebekah Ingram came to know First Parish in Framingham as a young child in the RE program and singer in the Children's Choir. She served on the Worship and Arts Council and was an usher during her young adult years. More recently, she has had the pleasure of leading a few summer worship services. Rebekah will be graduating from Harvard Divinity School in June. And on June 8, she will be co-ordained into the UU Ministry by First Parish in Framingham and First Church in Boston (where she is currently completing her internship).

# AUCTION!



### Auction News! Saturday, April 12th

Donation deadline is right around the corner -- Sunday, Feb. 24th. Lots of cool ideas have been suggested and requested at coffee hour the last few Sundays and we hope you find them inspiring. Among them: Zen experience; reserved "seats" for Boston Marathon and Natick July 4 celebration; flying, Spanish,

Chinese or Thai cooking, knitting and crocheting lessons; jet ski ride; Rhode Island cottage; theater weekend in Boston; and many other interesting ideas. Are you able to offer any of these? (Donation form is attached -- please complete the form and include it with whatever Auction donations you make.)

Dine & Unwind was our new Auction category last year, and it was smashingly successful! It raised a good sum of money for the church, but even more exciting was the wonderful fellowship we shared at the various events. Please consider hosting an event this year. Pick a date, time, location and theme, and decide how many people you can host. Please contact Kathy Rehl (krehl@earthlink.net, 508-655-8059) to offer your event, or get some help with ideas.

And don't forget that date -- mark your calendar right away!  
Saturday, April 12

**Deadline for next monthly newsletter: 9:00 a.m. sharp on Thursday, February 28, for events through April 6.**

## Staying in Touch

First Parish in Framingham  
cordially invites you  
to  
a special service  
celebrating the installation of  
our Senior Minister  
The Reverend Kathleen Hepler  
on  
**Sunday, March 2, 2008**  
at 3 o'clock in the afternoon  
in the Meeting House  
Framingham, Massachusetts.  
Reception to follow.  
Child care provided.  
**RSVP** 508-872-3111 or  
office@uuframingham.org

I hope everyone is aware that the service of INSTALLATION will be on Sunday, March 2 at 3PM. I sincerely hope that you will be here! This is one of those times when we can celebrate our community and our faith. The Rev. Gary Smith, the Senior Minister at First Parish Concord will preach a fine sermon. Other ministers from around the Massachusetts Bay District will participate. And our beloved Minister Emeritus, The Reverend Charles Gaines will speak as well. Choirs will sing! Gongs will chime! And, we will celebrate the beginning of our journey together at First Parish. The children will join us for the beginning of the service, and then go to the Parish House for special activities. There will be nursery care for the wee ones. We want this to be an intergenerational event.

Installation services are part of the history of Unitarian Universalism. It is a worship service that recognizes an important moment in the life of a congregation. Our liberal religious movement is based on a concept called "congregational polity" that well defines the privileges and powers between clergy and laity. This polity clearly affirms that the congregation "belongs" to the members. It also clearly affirms the important relationship with those called to the ministry. In truth, it affirms that there are many kinds of "ministry."

We will come together on March 2 to celebrate our mutual ministry. At some point in the service Rich Lawson, Chair of the Board of Assessors, will lead members in a responsive reading that marks our covenant together in our ministry at First Parish. The Women's Alliance is planning one of their wonderful receptions.

A special thank you to the Ministerial Search Committee who are organizing the Installation. They would be happy to answer any questions you have. (Jane Letteney, Monica Alley, Carl Hommel, Valerie Murray, Heather Sileo, Aimee Dalrymple)

Please join in on this special day! — Rev. Kathleen Hepler

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH OUR MINISTER

*Saturday, March 15, 9:30-11:30*

A time set aside especially for those who would like to become more involved and connected at First Parish. Won't you join Rev. Hepler for a conversation about your life at First Parish? She is interested in spending some time with people who feel they might like to be more engaged or connected at First Parish. In a congregation our size it can feel daunting to find a way in. There is no agenda for this gathering except getting acquainted with

our new minister and sharing your experiences of and hopes for your journey here.

Come to meet our new minister! Come to offer your ideas! Come to hear ways to feel more at home here! Come to meet other folks!

Childcare provided/Family friendly!  
Light breakfast served! Sign up at Scott Hall, or e-mail office@uuframingham.org Please let us know the number and ages of your children and any special needs they might have.

## Delegates Needed

First Parish members are needed to be the congregation's voice in decisions affecting our region and the wider UU fellowship.

Three members per congregation are invited to participate in the Mass Bay District annual meeting in Concord on April 13 from 5-8pm. Additional information can be found at [www.mbdoua.org](http://www.mbdoua.org).

General Assembly '08 takes place from June 25-29 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. First Parish Framingham can send up to nine voting delegates, although anyone can attend the hundreds of workshops and activities offered for adults and youth. For more information, log on to [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

If you are interested in attending, please contact Nominating Committee member Monica Alley (508-881-7147 or [monicagalley@aol.com](mailto:monicagalley@aol.com)) by February 15. Your participation makes a difference!

## RE News

Have you ever thought about ways to encourage the senses of wonder, courage, faith and justice in your children? Would you like a time to explore ideas of how to guide your children on their spiritual journeys? Then taking the Adult RE class Spiritual Parenting is for you! There are still openings in this class, which will be held on four Tuesday evenings in March. If you are interested, please contact the Adult RE registrar, Cathy Cunningham, at 508-405-4581.

The second semester of church school began a couple of weeks ago and is off to a positive start. We have a wonderful set of spring semester teachers. If you haven't met your child's new teachers, be sure to introduce yourself to them. If you want to learn more about the curriculum that is being used this semester, stop by the RE office for a conversation or ask your child's teachers.

Ten Junior Youth Group members and their advisors traveled to Ragged Mountain in New Hampshire a few weekends ago for their annual ski trip. All went well. The Junior Youth Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month for supper, socializing, and service. The group's enthusiastic leaders are Jim Carberry, Diane Montgomery, and Kim Wach.

By now, the Guest at Your Table box has been sitting on your table for many weeks. Hopefully it has accumulated several contributions! The boxes or checks are due back this coming Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please convert any cash donations into a check made out to the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). This is the organization that works to protect human rights, support changes at the grassroots level, and takes action for justice in communities all over the world. There will be a table set up in Scott Hall where you can turn in your box or check. Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile project. The UUSC truly puts our faith into action.

With school vacation around the corner, we will have another Roots and Shoots Special Sunday on February 17<sup>th</sup> for the first through sixth graders. This time we will learn about Fair Trade and how this practice increases justice in the world. We will be having a "Fair Trade Chocolate Party", one of the activities chosen by the children to help the earth, animals, and people. On that day, children younger than first grade have their regular classes, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders can help with the Special Sunday or attend church.

If you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas about the RE program, please contact me.

Julie Porter, Director of Religious Education

## Volunteers are needed to mentor vulnerable Framingham Youth.

The John Mazie Memorial Foundation is once again seeking mentors for at-risk youth in our community. Mentors commit to one year and spend a minimum of eight hours per month with their youth in activities that will raise self esteem and enable the youth to take control over their lives. Training sessions will be on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm. The Match-up Event will be on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2 pm. Those interested in learning more about this opportunity to make a positive impact on a young teen's life should contact Sybil Schlesinger of the Mazie Foundation at 508-653-8377 or schless1@juno.com.

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## The Return of Mr. & Mrs. First Parish

YRUU is happy to announce the revival of Mr. and Ms. First Parish! The pageant will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Scott Hall. Contestants will be competing in a talent competition, crazy costumes, and a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served. Tickets will be sold at coffee hour beginning February 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a hilarious time!

## The *Vision and Mission* of First Parish

*There is still one cottage meeting for members of First Parish to discuss the future of First Parish and how our Vision and Mission statements fit into that future. If you haven't already participated, don't miss your last opportunity this Sunday, Feb. 10 at 12:15 in the Huntley Room).*

Gail Kaprielian and Jere Babst

## Green Sanctuary Update

Join the Green Sanctuary Committee on Feb 7, Thursday night at 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Our agenda includes planning for a focus on the Earth during April in coordination with Rev. Hepler, information sharing, and the latest news about plans to make our plant/campus better at conserving energy. We welcome your help on any of the various green efforts we envision for the church.

Here is a link to a 20-minute story about the global supply chain for goods here in the US, and the impact on the world.  
[www.storyofstuff.com](http://www.storyofstuff.com)

### Green Shopping Tips:

IKEA has the largest selection of compact fluorescents yet seen (ask Dave Doucette). Trader Joes is selling insulated shopping bags for \$1.99.... And Whole Foods is planning to stop providing plastic bags beginning on Earth Day. Are you still accepting plastic bags??

## Message from the Board of Assessors

It just occurred to me that we're almost exactly half-way through the church year. That's prompted me to reflect on what has happened so far, and what we're still looking forward to. The clear highlight of the year for me has been working with Rev. Hepler. She's brought us great energy, a wealth of ideas, and tremendous spiritual depth. She has also fit in so seamlessly it's hard to believe she's only been here for a few months. We are very fortunate to have her as our Senior Minister.

Another significant advance for us this year is the renaissance of the First Parish Church Council. It's good that we have such a vibrant congregation with so much going on, but that also means that we need to organize ourselves to foster communication and collaboration among our councils and committees. The Church Council is doing exactly that – with enthusiasm. Please look for an article by Pat Walker, the chair of this group, elsewhere in this newsletter.

While many of our activities have gone according to plan, Joyce McNeil's retirement as our Church Administrator came as a surprise. Our new Administrator, David Moore, has come up to speed very quickly, though, due to his own strengths and due to our trusty office volunteers (including Joyce in her retirement!)

Even after just a few highlights of the year so far it's clear that it has been a busy year already, but there is still plenty more to look forward to. In early February we will begin to have some sessions to update our statements of the mission and vision of First Parish. Rev. Hepler's official Installation Ceremony will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, and will be an opportunity for us to celebrate her ministry here as a community. And in the theme of celebrations, "Celebration Sunday" will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March this year, which is the time we'll ask all members to make their annual financial commitment to First Parish. Thanks to your generosity the next phase of the steeple reconstruction project is now underway, with an aim to begin construction this summer. I mentioned recently in an "interim update" that we are looking for a membership coordinator from within the congregation. If anyone else has interest please contact me or Rev. Hepler directly. And although our Annual Meeting is still quite a ways off, I'm already thinking about how we could make that be more like another celebration – an opportunity for all of us to look back at how much we've accomplished, and to look forward at what we want to build together in our next church year.

Thanks for reading,

Rich Lawson, Chair of the Board of Assessors

## Church Council News

The Church Council is up and running! The Council is not a new idea, but a reincarnation of the First Parish Council as listed in our Bylaws. Its purpose is to facilitate communication and coordination between councils, committees, and other organizations relating to programs of the Parish.

The Council is coordinating the calendar, and helping to schedule programs and events as needed. Much of the calendar discussion is centered on finding synergy and areas of shared goals where committees could work together. One example is the upcoming celebration of the Earth during the month of April. Worship and Arts, RE, Social Action and other committees throughout the church are

working on Earth-related programs. All are invited to participate.

Other Church Council discussion has been about our responsibilities as members of First Parish, another example where working as a group, each doing a small part, makes us stronger. Isn't it really the responsibility of *each* member of First Parish to welcome newcomers each Sunday, to talk with those new visitors or members who are standing alone at coffee hour? Many can remember the first person who welcomed us to First Parish, and how meaningful that conversation was. As a member of First Parish, please initiate a conversation with someone you do not know at coffee hour.

Right now this "responsibility" rests with a small committee, but it is an opportunity for connection that will make us a stronger and more welcoming church if we each do our small part each Sunday.

This is a year of exploration for this returning Council, of finding places where communication and working together will benefit First Parish. Volunteerism and the budget are also areas the Council will discuss. Our work as a church to clarify mission and vision (in the cottage meetings through February 10) will greatly help the Church Council make decisions. Your input is always welcome.

Pat Walker  
Chair, Church Council

## Framingham Center Nursery School News

Please call Kay in the FCNS office (508-875-8260) to schedule a tour and for information about the following:

**2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR** — We still have some half-day openings in the morning and afternoon classes with availability for extended hours.

**2008 SUMMER PROGRAM** — We have spaces in our Summer Program that runs from 6/17 – 7/31/08. The classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 1 PM. We also offer options for extended hours from 8:30 - 9am before the Summer Program classes begin and after they end from 1 - 5pm. You may choose one or more weeks for your child to attend. Children bring their lunches, spend lots of time outdoors on our beautiful playground and have the opportunity to explore their creative sides in classes taught by our experienced teachers.

**2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR** — We are enrolling now for next year. Children must be 2.9 – 4.11 years old to be eligible. Spaces are available in morning (9:00-11:45 AM) and afternoon (12:15-3:00 PM) classes and in the 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM program.

## Guatemalan School Update

The Guatemala Work Group is meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 6th from 7:00-7:45 in the Allen Room. The book group meets from 7:45 - 8:30 and is discussing chapters one and two of the book *Paradise in Ashes* by Beatriz Manz. All newcomers are welcome.

The Guatemala Work Group is sponsoring the film *Precarious Peace, God and Guatemala* on Sunday, February 17th at 12:30 in the Huntley Room. This documentary explores the Guatemalan peace process, past and present, and the complicated role religion plays. The film is 72 minutes long and will be followed by discussion. A light lunch will be provided.

## Dinner Discussion Group

The next dinner discussion will be held on Saturday, February 23, at the home of Judy Perry and Jim Ansbro, 311 Central Street, Framingham. Topic: TBA. Appetizers at 6 pm, dinner at 7, discussion at 8. Contact John Mylotte at 508-872-7125 or johnmylotte@verizon.net to say if you are coming and what you are bringing: appetizer, salad, entree, dessert, or drinks. NOTE: We can always use appetizers and entrees.

## Women's Alliance

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 11 at 12:00 in the Huntley Room. Vicki Croke, the author of *The MODERN ARK: The Story of Zoos: Past, Present, and Future*, will be the guest speaker.. She will be speaking at 12:30. All women are invited. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

## UnCommon Coffee-house presents—

*Ember Smith on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 8 pm*

Canadian artist and activist Ember Smith performs alongside of the talented Lyndell Montgomery, bringing their politically charged music to the Coffeehouse stage. Their music (performed in both English & French) sounds like: "The bilingual love child of Paul Simon and Laurie Anderson who is being raised by Joan Jett." Tickets \$12 in advance; \$15 at door; \$8 seniors and children, always \$2 off for parishioners. Go to [www.uncommoncoffeehouse.org](http://www.uncommoncoffeehouse.org) to order online.

## Ongoing Adult Programs

(Check the calendar page for dates.)

- ◆ **Book Discussion Group**—1st/3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Memorial Room. Contact: Oskar Heininger, 508-875-0476.
- ◆ **The Coffee and Muffin Group**—Every Thursday, 8:00-9:30 am, Huntley Room. An open, unstructured gathering of Parish members and friends who meet informally to get better acquainted and to discuss any topic. Open to all! Voluntary donations for the coffee and muffins are requested. Contact: Bill Read, 508-877-0150.
- ◆ **Dinner Discussion Group**—Monthly at a parishioner's home at 6 pm. Contact John Mylotte at 508-872-7125 or johnmylotte@verizon.net to tell him if you are coming and what you are bringing (appetizer, salad, entree, dessert, or drinks). See column at left for details of the next meeting.
- ◆ **Interweave**—Support network for bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people and allies. Contact: John Hutchins, 508-620-6655.
- ◆ **The Meditation Group**—Mondays at 7:30. The Meditation Group offers a place and space for those seeking quietening of the thinking mind. Beginners are welcome. Sessions will consist of seated and walking meditation, inspirational readings and reflection. Please register before joining us. For further information or to register please contact Veena Baker, phone: 508-788-6016 or email: veenabee@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Parents and Others**—Monthly on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Allen Room. For members/friends with young children to discuss the joys and challenges of child rearing. Dinner and childcare cooperatively provided. Contact Deborah DuBourdieu (508-879-7158) for the next meeting date.
- ◆ **Stitches in Time**—2nd/4th Wednesdays, afternoon group, 1-3 PM and 2nd/4th Tuesdays, evening group, 7:30-9 pm at 110 Edgell. For any skill level, the group offers comfort and help in healing to those in need by knitting or crocheting shawls or lap robes, chemo caps or newborn caps for them. Contacts: Rev. Karin Tanenholtz (1 pm group) at kptanenholtz1@verizon.net or Trish Lynne (7:30 pm group) plynne@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Women's Alliance**—Monthly at noon. The group shares a meal while either enjoying special speakers or planning service projects. Contact: Pat Greeley, 508-877-0204. See column at left for details of the next meeting.

Calendar: February 6, 2008 to March 8, 2008

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- ◆ Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm.
- ◆ Caritas Coordinators - February, Eve Benda; 508-872-7125; March, Sue Moody 508-429-8881
- ◆ Calendar on the web page — go to [www.firstparishframingham.org](http://www.firstparishframingham.org), click on “Calendar” under the “Quick links” to view our new calendar page in either a list form or by the month. Check out the entire church year.
- ◆ To put a meeting on the Calendar and to reserve a meeting room — Please e-mail David Moore at the Parish Office ([office@uuframingham.org](mailto:office@uuframingham.org)) to make your room reservation and calendar request. If your meeting is not listed on the Calendar, that means the room is not reserved.

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