

# First Parish in Framingham (Unitarian Universalist)

*A Welcoming Congregation*

24 Vernon Street

Framingham, MA 01701

First Parish News

March 5, 2008

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

**Sunday, March 9**  
*"The Creative Process"*

A service on creativity as it moves us to know truth, beauty and goodness.

-The Reverend Kathleen Hepler and members of First Parish

**Sunday, March 16**  
*"Rabbi Jesus"*

Palm Sunday tells the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem and being greeted as a king, as a prelude to the pivotal event in Christian tradition...his death and resurrection. But, this Sunday we will consider the meaning of his life from the perspective of his life as a Jew and a rabbi.

-The Reverend Kathleen Hepler

**Sunday, March 23**  
*"UU Easter Reflections"*

The calendar says that it is Spring. The weather may not, yet. We gather to praise what rises, even when it seems highly unlikely. Join us for special music and words that celebrate Life's tenacity.

-The Reverend Kathleen Hepler

**Sunday, March 30**  
*"Born again, and again, and again..."*

Pure and simple...a Unitarian Universalist revival! We begin our stewardship drive this day.....unabashedly, unapologetically and with joy.

-The Reverend Kathleen Hepler

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*APRIL IS "EARTH MONTH"  
AT FIRST PARISH!*

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**Sunday, April 6**  
*"Spiritual Ecology"*

The earth as God's body. WE begin our month-long celebration of and concern for the earth by looking at the sacred aspects of this our living and breathing home.

-The Reverend Kathleen Hepler

**Sunday, April 13**  
*"A Series of Unfortunate Events"*

The history of religions as it pertains to our relationship with the earth.

-The Reverend Kathleen Hepler



## Think Outside the Bottle

Aquafina (bottled by Pepsi) and Dasani (bottle by Coke) come from the same source as tap water.

## A Conversation about Framingham Issues

On Sunday, March 9, at 7:30, we will continue our church-wide conversation about current issues in Framingham. Kathleen will be speaking with a few parishioners who have diverse viewpoints and, from these conversations, will develop a structure for the evening's discussion. So that we may feel more comfortable and open to being honest, we are restricting the conversation to our church members.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact one of the SACC co-chairs, Ilene Hofrenning or Janice Knapp-Cordes.

**Deadline for next monthly newsletter: 9:00 a.m. sharp on Thursday, March 27, for events through May 4.**

## Around First Parish

Our thoughts and prayers are with Monica Alley. Her father, Romeo R. Giannoccaro, died on Sunday, February 24.

## 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@uframingham.org](mailto:office@uframingham.org)

Please let us know the number and ages of your children and any

## Staying in Touch

April is earth month at First Parish! Your staff hatched the idea of taking an entire month to learn about, reflect on and celebrate the earth that is our home. Every Sunday will approach this magnificent living system from a different perspective. The music will coincide. Religious Education classes will have many earth-based themes and activities.

One of the Sundays, our Green Sanctuary Committee will invite us to reduce our carbon footprint as individuals, as families, and as a congregation. The choir will offer a "Concert For The Earth". There will be opportunities for intergenerational service projects that are earth-caring. There will be a vegetarian potluck dinner on Friday, April 4th. There will be an early evening labyrinth worship service outside. There will be a tour of the First Parish property from a naturalist's viewpoint.

Our goal is for each person and family to connect more deeply to this amazing planet of ours.

Our goal is to offer education and inspiration about how we can be more eco-friendly in our lives.

Our goal is to affirm and celebrate and love the earth together as a congregation.

See you in church!  
Rev. Kathleen Hepler

PS: An unfortunate oversight by me in the order of service.... Valerie Murraray was, and is, an integral part of the Senior Minister Search Committee and was not listed as such. So sorry, Valerie.

*Kathleen*

## First Parish Office Notes

- ◆ If you wish to receive email copies of Reverend Hepler's sermons each week, please send an email to [office@uframingham.org](mailto:office@uframingham.org) with the subject line "Sermon List".
- ◆ Please put all notices for the Weekly Update or any other messages for David in his mailbox in the parish office. Notes left on his desk, chair, monitor etc. tend to get lost in the shuffle.
- ◆ Please, do not add events to the office calendar. Leave your request in David's mailbox or contact him by email.

## RE News

Religious education classes are full of energy and spirit. Here is a brief snapshot of what's happening in classes: Early Preschoolers are making crafts, playing with ever-popular play dough, listening to stories, having snack, and lighting the felt chalice. Using the *We Are Many, We Are One* curriculum, Preschool/Kindergartners recently explored the topics of cooperation, respect for all people, and the many kinds of families that are bound together by love. In Beginning Unitarian Universalism, First/Second graders are continuing to learn about the UU principles, having just completed # 5. (Our churches are places where all people have a vote about things that concern them.). As part of their class, each week they sing a simple version of the Principles, to the tune of Do-Re-Mi. The words are below:

- One - Each person is important.
- Two - Be kind in all you do.
- Three - We're free to learn together
- Four - And search for what is true.
- Five - All people need a vote.
- Six - We'll build a peaceful world.
- Seven - We care for earth's life boat

That will bring us back to me and UU! Third/Fourth graders have learned about the early Bible stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, and the Tower of Babel in Old Testament Stories. Fifth/Sixth graders have had in-depth discussions about loss, had a visit from our minister, and will move on to the topic of grief next week as part of Dealing with Death. The Our Whole Lives classes continue to learn about sexuality, health and decision-making.

If you haven't turned in your Guest at Your Table box yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can leave it on the desk in the RE office. So far we have collected about \$1,000 for the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). Thank you for supporting this organization's grassroots work in justice and humanitarianism all over the world.

Coming up this Sunday, March 9th, there will be a wonderfully festive evening! The Religious Education Council will host a Birthday Celebration - an intergenerational event celebrating everyone's birthday! Do plan to attend this community-building event for ALL ages! See the column at right for complete details.

Easter comes early this year on March 23rd. There will be classes for children younger than first graders. First through sixth graders will attend church with their families for the beginning of the service. Then they will have the option of going to the Huntley Room to pot flowers to give out to parishioners at the end of the service. Seventh and eighth graders are welcome to attend church.

Julie Porter, Director of Religious Education

## An All-Parish Birthday Party!! March 9, 5 pm.

It will be a potluck dinner on Sunday evening from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. People are seated by their birth months, and after a potluck dinner, each table decorates a birthday cake! Other activities include birthday hat making, birthday games with a UU flair (such as Pin the Flame on the Chalice), and a baby photo contest (one year we had over 70 baby pictures to identify!). Sign-ups for this fun evening will be in Scott Hall on March 9th.

## 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 15th at 7:00 in Scott Hall.

The senior youth group is now searching for adult contestants to compete. Prospective contestants should contact Gregory Westland at [dartmario@verizon.net](mailto:dartmario@verizon.net)

Contestants will be competing in a talent competition, crazy costumes, and a question-and-answer session. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour. Join us for a hilarious time!

## Message from the Board of Assessors

I'm a "big picture" person. I like to have a sense of what's really important and what's only details. This month, therefore, I'm going to focus my newsletter article on progress toward an updated statement of the mission and vision of First Parish, which is one of the objectives for the Board this year.

Why do we come here? What makes our Church different from a social club or a coffee house? We talked about fundamental questions like these at the Board Retreat last August, which led to stories and discussions that I had never heard from my colleagues before – not at Board meetings, not at coffee hour. In fact, the reason I put this topic on the agenda of the retreat was because of comments that 107 of you contributed to question #50 on the ministerial search survey early last year: "What are the main things you would like the congregation to accomplish or get involved in within the next three to five years?" I read things in the comments that I rarely heard in casual conversation:

- "Developing our service objectives--making it easier and more fun and more likely for a larger number of people, especially kids and families, to get involved "

- "Slow down and look one another in the eye; engage; live our lives, now, here, with care and love toward the individuals we know here in FP."
- "More effectively live our values so that we have a real impact on our society"

I was so impressed by all this that I wanted to provide opportunities to have more discussions with a wider range of people in the congregation. My original idea was that a clear and compelling statement of our mission and vision would have value for our committees, for membership, and for fundraising. I still think that's true, but the discussions themselves are probably at least as valuable as any resulting statement or document.

On 3 different Sundays recently, Jere Babst and Gail Kaprielian organized "Cottage Meetings" to provide people with an opportunity to talk about their views on the mission and vision of First Parish. Over 40 people attended these meetings altogether. Some clear themes that seemed to emerge:

- ◆ **Social action** is very important. We've recently been somewhat inwardly focused, so it's time to adjust the balance in ways that suit our various interests and talents;

- ◆ We want to be recognized in the community by **living our values** – this might partly be through social action, but also through other forms of outreach;
- ◆ Our **sense of community**, even spiritual family, is important to us. We're bigger and more diverse in some ways than in the past, so we need to cultivate our connections;
- ◆ Each individual should be able to step forward and **share their gift** in their own way;
- ◆ Our **RE program** is a great strength in its own right, and helps draw new families into our community
- ◆ Finally, and reassuringly, we are already in good shape and **don't need to change anything dramatically.**

It's great to have this insight into what we're thinking and feeling in the congregation. The Board will now work to distill some of these themes into a draft version of a mission and vision statement that we can share at our Annual Meeting. I do think there is value in having some text that we can read and discuss, but I also hope that this will be another way to keep the conversations going!

Thanks for reading,  
Rich Lawson

## Social Action Coordinating Committee

- ◆ Everyone is invited to the next **meeting of the Social Action Coordinating Council** on Sunday, March 9, at 12:15. We will talk about the church-wide conversation on Framingham issues scheduled for that evening, have updates from all the Working Groups, including the Free Medical Clinic in Framingham and the MetroWest Interfaith Hospitality Network, and take care of other business.
- ◆ On Sunday, March 9, at 7:30, SACC together with the Rev. Kathleen Hepler will host a church-wide conversation about Framingham issues. See the article on page 1 for details.
- ◆ On Thursday, April 3, from 10:30 to 3:00, UU Mass Action Network will hold its second annual **Lobbying Day**. The issues UUs have chosen to lobby for this year are "Global Warming" and "Hunger & Poverty". From 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 PM at UUA headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, we will hear from Rev. Bill Sinkford, Dr. Charlie Clements, and Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie on these topics.

If you rarely talk face-to-face with your legislators this is an excellent opportunity! It's a great time to get training on how to communicate effectively with legislators for church members, too! At one o'clock we will visit our state Senators and Representatives. To join in carpooling, contact Janice Knapp-Cordes, [janice.knappcordes@gmail.com](mailto:janice.knappcordes@gmail.com) or 508-877-3771.

## Bring your Techno-Trash to Church!!



The YRUU senior youth group will be collecting techno-trash during coffee hour until March 9.

Bring in old computer parts, circuit boards, wires, rechargeable batteries, CDs, video tapes, iPods, digital cameras, etc. (no monitors or regular alkaline batteries). A free will donation is requested, which will go towards the social action efforts of the senior youth group.

March 9 is the last day trash will be collected. It will be responsibly recycled.

## Prison Ministry— Volunteers Needed

With a mission "To empower people to lead nonviolent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation, and trust", The Alternatives to Violence program has worked in numerous prisons working to establish an atmosphere and community in prison that centers on a constructive way to rehabilitate into society that does not revolve around violence. The program relies on three volunteer-staffed workshops to provide activities and discussions that creatively look at inmate problems inside and outside of prison in ways that transform attitudes and effect change. This program has worked successfully in many prisons, assisting prisoners to find new ways of being that will prevent them from entering prison again.

I am looking to set up this program in the South Middlesex prison and am looking for volunteers to be trained and to lead these much needed workshops. Please contact me if you are interested.

Jo M. Murphy <[jmurphy3@wellesley.edu](mailto:jmurphy3@wellesley.edu)>

(Jo Murphy is a student at Wellesley who grew up in First Parish. If five or more people are interested, they could also form an official Working Group under the Social Action Coordinating Council and receive formal support from SACC. Janice Knapp-Cordes)

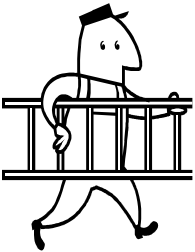
## Green Sanctuary:

### Planning for Earth Celebration in April

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet next on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 pm. The agenda will include planning for April events focusing on the earth. Further details on the agenda will be available at the Green Sanctuary table during coffee hours on Sundays.

### From the Maintenance Council

Where can it be?



It is not on its bed  
in the very red  
shed.  
We've conducted a  
search;  
It is not on its  
perch.

We are livid;  
we've gone from mad to madder  
For we cannot find  
the twelve-foot ladder.

Please return  
before we burn.

If anyone knows the whereabouts  
of the parish's 12' step ladder,  
please let Dick Rader or David  
Moore know. *Thank you*

## Auction Memories & Excitement

Donations deadline has come and gone, so make sure you've gotten everything in you wanted to share with the Auction. Contact Kathy Rehl <krehl@earthlink.net> or Mary Westland <mj.westland@verizon.net> if you've been on the fence about something, need help getting a donation delivered to the church, etc. And the Raffle Basket deadline will be coming up soon, so don't delay there either--contact Lisa Mihnos <lymihnos@comcast.net> if you need help.



Do you have any photos of the Auction or other First Parish activities from the last 50 years? We would love to borrow them to copy and use in our "50th Golden Anniversary" decorations. Your original photos will be returned unscathed. Contact Ann Arvidson <arvidsona@aol.com> no later than March 23, if you can help us create this snapshot of First Parish history.

And you know how the Auction Committee loves to experiment with exciting new ideas. Well, we have a doozy for you this year! Some folks call it Dessert Dash, some call it Dessert Frenzy or Dessert Duel. We'll eventually settle on a name, but for now, we're looking for a few good cooks to enter into the fierce competition to see which delectable confection will be chosen by the high bidding table. If you have a specialty you'd like to share with your First Parish friends and can prepare enough for a table of ten, contact Janice Knapp-Cordes <janice.knappcordes@gmail.com>. Running shoes will be optional at the Auction, but you must bring your sense of adventure and fun!

## Fair Trade Coffee and Teas--Order Now for April pick-up

Fair Trade coffees and teas can be ordered in March for April 6 pick-up. If you have not ordered before you may pick up an order form at coffee hour on Sundays (March 16 and March 23) or you could e-mail Chip Nevins (acnevins@rcn.com) with your contact information and you'll be sent an order form. Those who have ordered previously will receive the new order form by e-mail from Chip. Sunday March 30 during the coffee hours will be the last time to order for April delivery. The Green Sanctuary table at coffee hour will also have copies of a brochure describing the various coffees and teas available.

We are ordering every two months, so the next ordering time will be late May for early June pick-up.

## Pies on the Common 2008 ... The planning begins...

Tuesday, March 18, 7:30pm in the Memorial Room



It's time to begin planning for Pies on the Common 2008, our church fair out on Framingham Center Common. The first organizational meeting is open to everyone. Bring your ideas for new events. Bring your suggestions for improvements. We have openings on the steering committee that need to be filled.

If you would like to work with an enthusiastic group on a project that is fun, ultimately involves a huge number of First Parishioners, and is a serious money-maker for the church, come on down March 18th and see what it's all about. For information, call Barbara Uftring at 508-877-9059 or email [b.uftring@rcn.com](mailto:b.uftring@rcn.com) AND Save the date on your calendar - October 18th for Pies 2008.

## Adult Religious Education

Springtime is coming and so are more Adult Religious Education classes! Classes are meaningful, the dialogue is great, and it's a great way to better know First Parish folks. Watch the mail for your brochure or check it out on the First Parish website (<http://www.firstparishframingham.org/>)

Registrations may be mailed to the church office in care of Adult RE.

March 9 & 16 are Sunday on-site registration dates. Look for the the Sign-up Table and ARE bulletin board at Coffee Hour.

- The ARE Council

## Help us gather coats for children in need



Stores are making their final seasonal markdowns and it is a great time to buy a coat for a child in need. Each year when the social service agencies provide the requests for Undecorate the Christmas Tree, many of these are for winter coats. In past years we have collected coats in late winter to help ease that burden and meet those needs. Then, in the fall as the temperature turns cold, the coats are distributed using the same social service agencies as Undecorate the Christmas Tree.

We are only looking for new coats, not used. and seeking sizes from infant up thru adult sizes. We are setting up a central location to collect the coats and they will be stored by Pat Walker over the summer months. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 508-651-9113 or drop me an email at [cbcerrato@gmail.com](mailto:cbcerrato@gmail.com).

—Claire Cerrato

## Chancel Decorations



Donating flowers to decorate our Chancel on Sunday morning is a wonderful way to remember someone or celebrate something, not to mention adding

beauty to our Meeting House! I'm looking for someone for the following Sundays: March 9th, March 30th, April 6th, April 13th, April 20th, and April 27th. Please let me know if you can help out with this. Thanks!

SusanJmoody@hotmail.com or 508-331-0752

## Survey for GLBTQ Youth and Adults!

The UU church is committed to celebrating free expression of sexual/gender orientation and many congregations have very actively welcomed gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer members. I am a social work graduate student who was once a GLBTQ youth in the UU, and I'm conducting a survey with the support of the Mass Bay District of UU Churches as part of my community practice project which is a requirement for graduation. My objective is to understand the experience of GLBTQ youth in the UU community, including to what extent GLBTQ youth feel supported in the church, what has contributed to their experience, either positive and/or negative, and whether or not there is a need for additional programs/services. Whether you identify as a GLBTQ youth or if you are an adult who was part of UU in your youth, I invite you to take part in this anonymous on-line survey and share your experience in the UU church as a GLBTQ youth. By participating, you have the opportunity to win a \$25 gift certificate to Best Buy. Just go to this website: [www.surveymonkey.com/UUqueeryouth](http://www.surveymonkey.com/UUqueeryouth).

Thank you so much for your help, I very much appreciate it!

Sandra DiPillo, graduate student at Smith College

## Support First Parish by Shopping?



Amazing but true!

Purchasing SCRIP cards for your gift and everyday shopping also supports First Parish.

And now it's even easier to do!! Just order SCRIP cards from the First Parish office, using the SCRIP forms available in the office mailbox (bottom row). Leave WITH A CHECK IN AN ENVELOPE, payable to First Parish (and denote 'SCRIP' in the memo line.) Or you can mail in your order and check to the office. The order form was distributed in the Feb. 28th Weekly Update, or it can be emailed to you

directly (see sample on next page).

There are a gazillion stores that use SCRIP (Stop & Shop, Shaws, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, Lands' End, Lowe's, Home Depot, Starbuck's, Dunkin' Donuts). See <http://www.shopwithscrip.com> for a complete list. If you want a SCRIP card for a store/restaurant that's not on our order form, just fill it in with the desired denomination.

The SCRIP cards will come to the church in one or two weeks following your order. Check the SCRIP table (by the piano) between services. For additional info or to request order forms, contact Chris TenEyck at [cteneyck@yahoo.com](mailto:cteneyck@yahoo.com)

## CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY, March 15 - 10 AM to 4 PM

### KEEFE TECHNICAL SCHOOL, FRAMINGHAM

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Craft Fair – more than 100 crafters selling their handmade items. Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 4 PM at Keefe Technical School, 750 Winter St., Framingham, MA. Admission: \$2.50 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, under 12 free.

On the web at [www.heritagefair.org](http://www.heritagefair.org) Sponsored by the Heritage Chorale

Questions? Contact Teri Petersen, 508 – 473 - 5647

# SCRIP Family Order Form



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For:		Phone:		
	<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Extended</u>
Diversions	Amazon.com (\$25)			
	AMC / Loews Movie Theaters (\$25)			
	Barnes & Noble / B. Dalton (\$25/\$10)			
	Regal Movie Theaters (\$25)			
Grocery	Shaw's / Star Market (\$50 / \$25)			
	Stop & Shop (\$100 / \$25)			
On the Go	Domino's Pizza (\$5)			
	Dunkin Donuts (\$10)			
	Panera Bread (\$10)			
	Pizza Hut (\$10)			
	Starbuck's (\$25 / \$10)			
Dept Store	Gap / Banana / Old Navy (\$25)			
	JC Penney (\$100 / \$25)			
	Lands' End (\$100 / \$25)			
	LL Bean (\$100 / \$25)			
	Kohl's (\$100 / \$25)			
	Macy's (\$100 / \$25)			
	Sears (\$100 / \$25)			
Home	Home Depot (\$100 / \$25)			
	Bed Bath & Beyond (\$25)			
	Crate & Barrel (\$100 / \$25)			
	Lowe's (\$100 / \$25)			
<b>TOTAL</b>	-----	-----	-----	\$
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature indicates agreement with **Program Terms**, below.

**Program Terms:**

1. Make check payable to First Parish of Framingham. Cash is NOT accepted.
2. You can collect your scrip certificates at the First Parish Scrip table during coffee hour after either service, usually the week after you place the order (though ordering and shipping times may vary). If you are not able to collect them one week, we will keep them until you are able to attend coffee hour.
3. When you pickup your scrip certificates, please open your order and verify its accuracy. Your signature on the Weekly Order Pickup List indicates you have received your order in its entirety.
4. Scrip certificate payments are NOT tax deductible because you receive dollar for dollar value.
5. Scrip certificates are purchased on your behalf, and are NOT returnable.
6. Scrip certificates are the same as cash, and should be handled accordingly. First Parish of Framingham is NOT responsible for certificates that are lost, stolen or misplaced after you have received them
7. If your check is returned because of non-sufficient funds (NSF), you will be charged a \$20 fee payable to First Parish. If you submit two NSF checks, your scrip ordering privileges will be revoked.
8. State laws and regulations vary regarding Scrip certificates and gift cards. The State of Massachusetts does not allow these to expire or to be reduced in value purely due to the passage of time.

## Dinner Discussion Group

The next dinner discussion will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the home of Pat Daum and Dick Paul, 10 Aspen Circle, 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.)

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## Women's Alliance

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 10th, in the Huntley Room showing a funny movie along with popcorn and punch. All women are invited. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

## 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: March 5 to April 5, 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 » 5:30 PM Jr. Youth, Huntley » 7:00 PM Membership Council » 7:00 PM Guatemala Work Group » 7:30 PM Church Council, Huntley » 7:30 PM Bell Choir	6 » 8:00 AM Coffee & Muffins, Huntley » 7:00 PM RE Council, Huntley » 7:00 PM Spirit Of Life » 7:30 PM BOA » 7:30 PM Covenant Group » 7:30 PM Mens Club » 7:30 PM Nominating Committee	7	8 » 2:00 PM New Orleans Group
9 » DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins » 9:15 & 11 AM OWL » 9:15 & 11 AM Church Services » 10:20 AM Youth Ensemble, OBrown » 12:15 PM SACC Meeting » 5:00 PM Birthday Celebration, Scott Hall » 7:00 PM YRUU » 7:30 PM Conversation: Town Issues	10 » 6:30 PM Round Dance, Scott Hall » 7:30 PM FCNS Board, OBrown » 7:30 PM Meditation Group	11 » 3:30 PM Brownie Troop, OBrown Rm » 7:00 PM Heritage Chorale, Scott Hall » 7:00 PM Covenant-JB, Memorial » 7:00 PM Spiritual Parenting » 7:00 PM Tai Chi / Chi Kung » 7:30 PM Stitches In Time	12 » 9:00 AM Yoga II » 1:00 PM Stitches, 110 kitchen » 7:15 PM Covenant-EC, Memorial » 7:30 PM Auction Committee Meeting » 7:30 PM Bell Choir	13 » 8:00 AM Coffee & Muffins, Huntley » 7:00 PM Spirit Of Life » 7:00 PM Mothers of Twins » 7:30 PM BOA, Huntley	14	15 » 9:30 AM COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH OUR MINISTER
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