

# First Parish in Framingham (Unitarian Universalist)

*A Welcoming Congregation*

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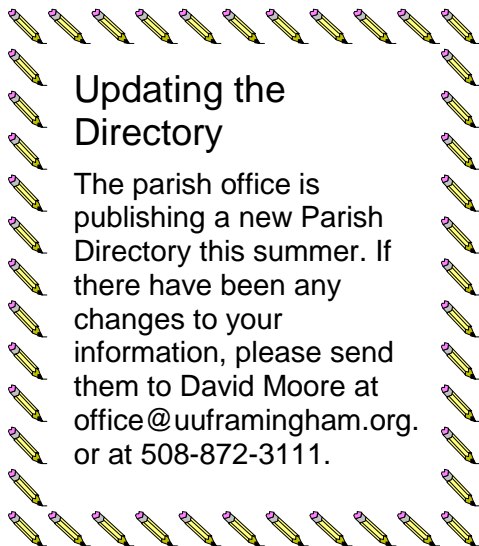
**First Parish News**

**June 4, 2008**

## *Summer Sunday Worship 10 AM service:*

During the summer, informal lay-led services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on most Sundays in the Parish House. The following is a schedule listing the presenters for each service; topics will be listed in e-mail updates at a later date. Although no child care is provided, children are welcome when accompanied by parents. We look forward to many interesting and varied presentations.

Please contact Karen Hirshman (508) 875-7991 or [k.hirshman@gmail.com](mailto:k.hirshman@gmail.com) if you can help with refreshments one or two Sundays during the summer or if you have any questions/concerns about the services. Look forward to seeing many of you there!



## Updating the Directory

The parish office is publishing a new Parish Directory this summer. If there have been any changes to your information, please send them to David Moore at [office@uframingham.org](mailto:office@uframingham.org) or at 508-872-3111.

June 15--TBA

June 22--Patricia Lynne

June 29--Jennifer Deland

July 6--NO SERVICE  
(holiday weekend)

July 13--Bob King

July 20--Rebekah Ingram

July 27--Marcie Griffith

August 3--Catherine  
Senghas and Judy Perry

\*August 10--Karin  
Tanenholtz

\*August 17--Christopher  
Chapman

\*August 24--Janice and  
Martin Knapp-Cordes

August 31--TBA

\* Most services will be held in the Parish House. On August 10, 17, and 24, the Parish House will not be available for our use; so these services will be held in the Meeting House.

## Membership Corner:

Membership Matters

Please join me in welcoming the following people into our First Parish Community as they have affirmed their commitment to our congregation by signing the Membership book in May:

Crystal and Kendall  
Chenoweth, Audrey and Bob  
Hall, Lorraine Helfand-Garcia,  
Claire Oliphant, and Lucille  
Riddle.

Gratitude

I'd like to personally thank every person who has shown up, been present, and/or volunteered this church year. Each person plays a vital part in this community and we can't do what we do without you. Your energy and enthusiasm make this a place that others want to be part of. Give yourselves a pat on the back - you deserve it!

Veena Baker, Membership  
Development Coordinator  
[membership@uframingham.org](mailto:membership@uframingham.org)

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**Deadline for next monthly  
newsletter: 9:00 a.m. sharp on  
Thursday, July 24, for events  
through September 6.**

## Around First Parish

First Parish member *Margie Carberry* that, thanks to parish members, an apartment has been found in New York City so Jim has a place stay while Margie is hospitalized. Jim will be posting to a website to update us on Margie's progress. Info on this to follow in the weekly updates.

*Ben Jones*, son of Vickie Karian, who grew up in FPF community, is currently hospitalized at the Orlando Regional Medical Center after a serious motorcycle crash on 5/24/08. He is still in the ICU but with time, we are hoping for a full recovery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Come celebrate as we co-ordain *Rebekah Ingram*, who grew up in this church, to the UU Ministry! Join us on Sunday, June 8th at 2:30 p.m. at First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough Street. A light reception will follow. Please note that parking is not available at the church. For directions and parking options, visit [www.fscboston.org](http://www.fscboston.org). It is possible that we may coordinate a carpool, so if you plan to attend, please RSVP to [ordinationrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:ordinationrsvp@yahoo.com) or 617.267.6730.

### Summer Homework Assignment!

As we begin our summer travels, do not forget to gather a sample of water, whether it be a bit of Nantucket Sound or the Sudbury River, does not matter. We will add them all together on September 7th at our first fall service symbolizing our coming back together as a community.

## Staying in Touch

Such a swell, satisfying, swirl-of-a-year it has been!

Thank you for all of the ways you have made my first year here wonderful. Thank you for all of the ways so many of you serve First Parish and Unitarian Universalism.

My summer will be divided between vacation time and study time. When I am out of town, Office Administrator, David Moore, and Board Chair, Pam Pierson, will know how to contact me in case of emergencies. Also, when I am away, one of my colleagues will be on call for pastoral emergencies.

There are some terrific sounding summer services planned at First Parish. And, consider volunteering for the Interfaith Hospitality Program that will begin here in August.

And, I pray that you will follow summer's prompting and slow down a bit, look around, breathe deeply and enjoy. A poem from Mary Oliver for inspiration in the effort to slow down to the speed of life:

THE SUMMER DAY by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean-  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down into the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

See you in church!  
Rev. Kathleen Hepler

## RE News

The end of the church year is upon us - I marvel at how fast the time goes! We are already in the planning stages for next year. One new venture we will have is a Roots and Shoots program for all ages. This year our theme for our "Special Sundays" was doing projects in conjunction with Roots and Shoots. Spearheaded by Aimee Dalrymple, it was so successful that we decided that it should have a larger venue to reach more people. Please see Aimee's description of this program elsewhere in the newsletter.

On June 8th, be sure to plan on attending church for our annual Youth Sunday at 10:00. This service is a longstanding First Parish tradition. It is created entirely by the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists - our group for 9th through 12th graders). Our teens present a thoughtful, entertaining and meaningful worship experience. It's always a creative and moving service. Come see what our young people value, cherish, and share with the congregation. All ages are invited to attend the service. There will be coverage only in the nursery on that day.

If you are missing RE classes for your child over the summer and want some good ideas, check out this website: [www.uua.org/clf/betweensundays](http://www.uua.org/clf/betweensundays). It is designed by the Church of the Larger Fellowship (part of the Unitarian Universalist Association) and is full of ideas, activities and resources that you can browse by age level and subject category.

If you have not registered for the RE program or YRUU next year, this message is for you! There are still over 25 families who have not registered for next year's church school program. If you are one of those families, you will soon receive a reminder phone call from an RE Council member. We need to know the numbers of children to adequately plan for classes and teachers. And remember that if you did not teach this year, next year is your teaching year. Please get your forms in as soon as possible. If you need a new form, you can pick one up in the RE office. YRUU Members: you need to register also. You were mailed a form in April. There are forms in the RE office. Remember that your parents need to sign the form.

I wish you all a peaceful and healthy summer. it's almost here!

Julie Porter, Director of Religious Education

## A Golden Opportunity

Do you wish to deepen your own spirituality? When making an explanation, doesn't it feel good when someone "gets it"? Would you like to share your strengths, wisdom, creativity, sense of humor, and knowledge? Think about the stimulating questions that you might receive from our young people. Imagine the sense of satisfaction that emerges when helping children begin to form the ideas and beliefs that will guide their journeys.

Please consider TEACHING next year in our church school! In addition to parents of church school children, the Religious Education Council is looking for adults who do not have children currently in the program who would like to contribute to First Parish in this very special way. We particularly need teachers in the spring semester. If you're interested, please contact Julie Porter in the church office or Dave Franklin (508-497-9487), chair of the RE Council. Thank you!

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## Youth Group Announces Habitat for Humanity Plans

This year the Senior Youth Group will return to Salem County, New Jersey, for their annual Habitat for Humanity work week. It will take place from Sunday, July 6, through Saturday, July 12. The youth group would like to thank the caring people at First Parish for their generous support of fund-raisers throughout the year, which has enabled us to undertake this effort.

## Ushers Needed Next Fall

Have you ever pondered the idea of ushering at First Parish? It is a fun way to contribute to our congregation. There will be a training session on 9/14/08 between the 9:15 and 11:00 services. Please call or email usher coordinators, Sandy Murphy or Beth Walton for more information. [sandy\_murphy@comcast.net, 508-872-1837; or elizabethwalton@verizon.net, 508-904-8401]

## Help Urgently Needed

Volunteer positions available now with Pies on the Common. No prior experience necessary, we will

train. Like to work with people? Become Volunteer Coordinator or Crafters Recruiter. Numbers or Sales your thing? We have openings on the Quilt Raffle. Management skills? Ask about our Field Manager position with our setup/take down crews. Now is your opportunity to work with one of the happiest committees around First Parish. Call Barbara Uftring, 508-877-9059, Alma Gould, 508-429-6468, or email [pies@uframingham.org](mailto:pies@uframingham.org)

Crafter Space: Are you or do you know an artisan or crafter who would like to sell hand crafted items at Pies on the Common? Spaces are available. Email [pies@uframingham.org](mailto:pies@uframingham.org) for information and registration application.

## Labyrinth Gardeners Needed

We need volunteers to keep the labyrinth in good shape throughout the summer. Specifically, once a week for maybe an hour, two volunteers would eliminate dandelions and crab grass, and water as needed. Please contact Judy Perry ([judy1of4perry@hotmail.com](mailto:judy1of4perry@hotmail.com), 508 877 1105) with your availability (June, July, August, September), week, and preference for Thursday or Friday, 8:30 am or 4 pm work time. May all who volunteer be blessed!



## From the Board of Assessors

Am I relieved that my term as Chair of the Board is coming to an end? A number of people have asked me this recently.

The simple answer is “no”. Relief implies that something unpleasant is going away, and that’s far from the case. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my role on the Board this year, and I’m looking forward to next year.

As you probably remember, this year the Board was focused on three primary themes:

1. Ministerial partnership (which we originally called “Supporting our New Minister”)
2. Becoming more effective in church operations
3. Refining the mission and vision of the church

Since we’ve just had our annual meeting, and just published our annual report, I won’t risk boring you by repeating the highlights in each area. I would like to say, though, that it was extremely satisfying to work through the entire year on topics that felt so important. I’m fortunate to have other roles in my life that I feel are important, too: father, husband, employee, and more. I knew that I would only be the chair of the Board for one year, though, so the importance of this opportunity was especially acute.

It’s also very rewarding to know that we will have a smooth transition in church leadership, which will provide some continuity in our themes. Pam Pierson was elected to Chair the Board next year. She will bring not only a wealth of talent and experience, but an approach that will be a nice balance to mine. I’m also pleased to see the number of very capable new assessors who will be joining the Board for the next Church year. I look forward to working with them all.

Having said all that, I am looking forward to the summer. Summer services are always very interesting. I have some interesting work lined up with my colleagues on the Stewardship Taskforce. Our improved steeple will be emerging week by week. And I need some time to think about how to be a good former chair of the Board!

Thanks for reading,  
Rich Lawson

## Social Action Coordinating Committee

- SACC invites any members and friends of First Parish to suggest recipients for next year's *Share the Plate offerings*. Please contact Ilene Hofrenning, [ihofrenning@yahoo.com](mailto:ihofrenning@yahoo.com), or Janice Knapp-Cordes, [janice.knappcordes@gmail.com](mailto:janice.knappcordes@gmail.com).
- Janice Knapp-Cordes is looking for some men to spend the night at church. Don't be alarmed; it's okay with Martin. Seriously, both men and women are needed to spend the night on the premises when we host families for the MetroWest Interfaith Hospitality Network (MWIHN). You are invited to share dinner and spend the evening getting to know the families; however, you could arrive as late as 9:00 p.m. if that fits your schedule better. You would also help put out the simple breakfast in the morning; the families will get up early, eat breakfast, and leave for the Day Center by 7:00 a.m. We must have CORI checks done on all those who are spending the night, and that takes a while, so we need to have volunteers committed soon. We are hosting for two weeks in August, August 10 through August 24. If you can spend one night during that week, please contact Janice Knapp-Cordes, [janice.knappcordes@gmail.com](mailto:janice.knappcordes@gmail.com), 508-877-3771.

We are also looking for gently used twin sheet sets and mattress pads, and gently used crib sheets and mattress pads for MWIHN.

## Thank you from Renewal House

Thank you to everyone who donated to UU Urban Ministry's Renewal House. I received a note from Rev. Susan Criscione, Director of Renewal House. She wrote, "The items were exactly what we needed and truly make a difference to us and the residents we serve."

When I delivered the items I met one of the residents and she was excited because the shampoo someone had donated was just what she likes! There were such nice items that were donated: lotions, shampoos, conditioners, a comb and brush set, etc. It is good to know that we can bring some joy to people who have suffered as victims of domestic violence. They value and feel blessed with our partnership. Thank you, again!

Valerie Waldman,  
UU Urban Ministry Delegate for First Parish in Framingham

## Framingham Center Nursery School

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

### 2008 SUMMER PROGRAM

We have spaces still available in our Summer Program during some weeks, depending on the age of your child. The classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 1 PM during 6/10 - 7/31/08. We also offer options for extended hours from 8:30 - 9 AM before classes begin and from 1 - 5 PM for 6/17 - 7/31/08. You may choose one or more weeks for your 2.9 - 5 year old child to attend.

Summer is a time for being outdoors on our spacious and shaded playground for a large part of the day. Teachers plans interesting "units" for indoor time each week that integrate art, math/science, dramatic play, music and English language arts around a theme such as "Up, Up, and Away" (things that fly), "Crawling Creatures" (insects, spiders and caterpillars), "Dinosaurs, Donuts and Drip Painting" (the letter D) and "Red, White and Blue" (celebrating Independence Day).

### 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

We are enrolling now for next year. Children must be 2.9 - 4.11 years old to be eligible. Limited space remains for MWF mornings (9:00-11:45 AM). More space is available TTh mornings and all afternoons (12:15-3:00 PM). Extended time is always possible to create full-day care from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

## Roots & Shoots Growing Next Year!

"Roots creep underground everywhere and make a firm foundation. Shoots seem very weak, but to reach the light, they can break open brick walls. Imagine that the brick walls are all the problems we have inflicted on our planet. Hundreds of thousands of roots and shoots, hundreds of thousands of young people around the world, can break through these walls. You can change the world."  
---Dr. Jane Goodall

Our chapter of Roots & Shoots, the Jane Goodall Institute's global, environmental and humanitarian program for young people, started out this year as Special Sunday activities (on holiday weekends) in our RE program. Our children brainstormed various ideas to help animals, the environment, and our human community. They then voted for their favorites, and we focused on those ideas for the remainder of the church year. Together, we participated in the following projects:

- \*Making birdfeeder ornaments
- \*Learning how to help hurt wildlife
- \*Enjoying a "fair trade" chocolate party
- \*Inviting wildlife/nature into our backyard
- \*Making cards and cookies for the Caritas program

We are looking forward to expanding Roots & Shoots into its own full-fledged First Parish group next year. Starting in late September, we plan to meet every other month on a Saturday afternoon for a family activity focused on helping animals, the environment and/or the human community. Please visit

## 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**—On summer hiatus. See you next fall!
- ◆ **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 for the next meeting date.

www.rootsandshoots.org for more info about the organization. Contact Aimee Dalrymple

at ADalrymple@alumni.duke.edu or 508-652-9946 for more info about our group at First Parish.

# Save The Date!

**October 18, 2008**

**Home baked pies  
Quilt Raffle, Crafts,  
Food, Games and  
A Contest!**



*Enthusiastic Volunteers Are Needed Now!*

For info or to volunteer:

Email [pies@uuframingham.org](mailto:pies@uuframingham.org) or Call 508-872-3111

Proceeds benefit First Parish Church, Framingham

## Calendar: June 4 to August 2, 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 » 9:30 AM Yoga III » 5:30 PM Jr. Youth, Huntley » 5:30 PM Yoga For the Heart II » 7:30 PM Church Council, Huntley	5 » 8:00 AM Coffee & Muffins, Huntley » 7:00 PM RE Council, Huntley	6	7
8 » Youth Sunday » 9:20 AM Youth Ensemble Rehearsal » 10:00 AM Church service, church » 7:00 PM YRUU, Cave	9 » 7:30 AM Meditation Group » 7:00 PM Free Medical Program » 7:00 PM Summer Services Committee » 7:30 PM FCNS Annual Meeting, Scott Hall » 7:30 PM Steeple Committee Meeting	10 » 3:30 PM Brownie Troop, OBrown Rm » 7:30 PM Stitches In Time	11 » 9:30 AM Yoga III » 1:00 PM Stitches, 110 kitchen » 5:30 PM Yoga For the Heart II » 7:15 PM Covenant-EC, Memorial » 7:30 PM Healthy Living Group	12 » 8:00 AM Coffee & Muffins, Huntley » 1:00 PM Stitches In Time » 7:30 PM BOA, Huntley » 7:30 PM MICAH	13	14 » 9:00 AM private rental, Scott Hall
15 » 10:00 AM Church service, church	16 » 7:30 AM Meditation Group » 6:30 PM Round Dance, Scott Hall	17 » 7:00 PM Covenant-JB, Memorial	18	19 » 8:00 AM Coffee & Muffins, Huntley » 6:30 PM Parents & Others	20	21
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6 » Holiday Weekend—No Church	7 » 7:30 AM Meditation Group	8 » 7:30 PM Stitches In Time	9	10 » 8:00 AM Coffee & Muffins, Huntley » 1:00 PM Stitches In Time	11	12
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27 » 10:00 AM Church Service, Marcie Griffith, leader	28 » 7:30 AM Meditation Group	29	30	31 » 8:00 AM Coffee & Muffins, Huntley	1	2

- ◆ Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm.
- ◆ Caritas Coordinators— June, Lydia D'Andrea, 508-370-9746; July, Patricia Greeley; 508-877-0204
- ◆ Calendar on the web page — go to [www.uuframingham.org](http://www.uuframingham.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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