

# The Steeple



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First Parish in Framingham  
Unitarian Universalist  
*A Welcoming Congregation*

## Staying In Touch

*Notes From the Pastor*

There is a deadline for the newsletter, and I know that it is going to be read in April in Massachusetts and that the calendar says that it is spring. But it is snowing on this mountaintop in Montana and my father is dying and the muse does not take me to thoughts of crocus and the bursting force of life that is Earth's Spring. As Mother Nature guides his letting go of life, the soft steady spring snow wraps us in quiet awareness. Each day a little more letting go: of time awake, of movement, of all but the most essential conversation, of all the ways that life lives itself.

And, yet there is a feeling of gestation here. There is no doubt about it....some withdrawing into a mystery beyond our knowing. Not to be proven or even counted on....this bud that seems destined to open beyond this

time and place...all transition preceded by loss. For me this is the Passover, Easter, Spring story as it expresses itself in the life of one family.

In the meantime there is nothing more precious than the giving and receiving of hot chicken noodle soup in small spoonfuls.... or laughing when this proud man calls my mother his "nanny" ...or a family discussion of the news as if this is any ordinary time... which of course it is. Ordinary time between seasons, between death and rebirth, between the way it was and the way it is, between deadlines and lifelines, between love lost and love found, between separation and reconciliation.

See you soon and thank you for all of the expressions of support. All is well.

Kathleen

## Sunday Worship

APRIL 5  
9:15 & 11:00 AM Worship  
*Riding In From the Edges*

On this Passover/Palm Sunday we honor the courage of those who come into the town speaking for the disenfranchised. There is a universal wisdom that is only revealed by deep listening around the edges of power. (This is a sermon topic purchased by Esther Hopkins at last year's auction)

Rev. Kathleen Hepler

APRIL 12  
9:15 & 11:00 AM Worship  
*Praising That Which Rises: A UU Easter*

A full-throttle celebration of the "born again" phenomenon in life.

Rev. Kathleen Hepler

APRIL 19  
9:15 & 11:00 AM Worship  
*Generations Among Us*

What will the UU congregation of the future look like? What is research telling us about the needs and worldviews of people in the various generations?

Rev. Kathleen Hepler  
Michelle La Grave, Intern Minister

APRIL 26  
9:15 & 11:00 AM Worship  
*Intergenerational Earth Service*

## *From the Ministerial Intern*

I recently attended a program called Shabbat Across America at Temple Beth Am. The idea behind the program is to invite non-Jews to learn about Judaism. Along with two other Unitarian Universalists, two Catholic nuns, and one evangelical Christian, we joined the congregation in a Shabbat dinner, a blessing over bread and wine, and a traditional worship service. Throughout the worship service, the Rabbi and Cantor paused to explain what was happening at each transition. After the worship service, another Rabbi took us into the library, removed a Torah scroll from the ark, allowed us to examine it and gave us our own private teaching. Their hospitality was extraordinary and I felt radically welcomed.

I would like to share one particular highlight of the evening with you. During our meal, the Cantor came over to

our table. When I was introduced to her as the intern minister at First Parish, her eyes lighted up and she smiled brightly. Then she told me stories of how on several occasions First Parish had been hospitable to Temple Beth Am. She told how they used to worship in our sanctuary before they were able to build a building of their own; how they were welcomed to use our fellowship hall during an event which was too large for their hall; and how they were welcomed back into our sanctuary when they experienced flooding in theirs. My heart warmed at hearing these stories and I felt proud to be associated with First Parish.

In faith,  
Michelle

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## *Share The Plate*

On Sunday, April 5th the Share The Plate recipient is UU Mass Action. UU Mass Action is a statewide network of ministers and lay members. Its mission is to mobilize UU's to take action for a more just, equitable and compassionate Commonwealth.

UU Mass Action is building a statewide education and advocacy network that:

Is anchored in our UU faith

Inspires and mobilizes coordinated social action

Shares information and policy expertise

Trains new leads

Raises the visibility of Unitarian Universalism and its values to policy makers

Please make your check payable to First Parish in Framingham and on the memo line note: UU Mass Action. Thank you.

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## *Membership Corner*

### **Photo Directory Update:**

The ideas are flowing. The plan is developing. Our primary goal is to do an in-house photo shoot to create a password protected online member-accessible directory that we can update regularly. We plan to take pictures primarily on-site on Sundays but are looking into other possibilities to accommodate those who are unable to be photographed on Sundays. Watch the weekly updates for more information on having your picture taken for the directory.

### **Newcomer Orientation**

All Newcomers are encouraged to attend the next Newcomer Orientation on Sunday April 26th from 2:30-4:30pm in the Huntley room. This is an opportunity to meet Reverend Kathleen Hepler, learn more about Unitarian Universalism, meet other newcomers, members

and staff of First Parish and ask any questions. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Veena Baker, at membership@uuframingham.org or 508-872-3111 ext. 218.

### **New Members**

Please give a warm welcome to our newest member:

**Sara Hamerla.**

I am at your service to help you navigate First Parish in Framingham. You may reach me by phone, email or at the Welcome table on Sundays. I look forward to answering your questions about membership and helping you make connections.

Veena Baker

Membership Development Coordinator

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## *From the Board of Assessors*

April marks an especially busy month for the Board of Assessors at First Parish. Many Board activities—and church activities, such as the 51st Annual Auction coming May 2—provide opportunities for you to get involved and provide input as suits your time and interests. Three major tasks demand the Board's attention this spring:

- Approve a budget for 2009-2010 from the Finance Committee. Pledges provide the generous funding needed to keep this congregation vibrant and functioning for the coming year.

- Convene a Long-Range Planning Team, which reports to the board, to begin a 6-12 month process. Planning develops community by defining visions and strategies consistent with our principles.
- Organize our Annual Meeting for May 31 at a time when the greatest number of people can attend. This meeting celebrates the work of the church, emphasizing our progress and our plans.

In regard to our budget, watch for the announcement of small group conversations about our budget on Sunday mornings in preparation for the Annual Meeting. We'll provide more about the Board's plans for long-range planning as they evolve this month. As the Annual Meeting approaches next month, contact a Board member or a Church Council member for input to continue making this yearly gathering an affirmation of the spirit within the Parish.

As a final note, lucky we are to have three delegates and Rev. Kathleen Hepler to represent us at the UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, this June: Esther Hopkins, Catherine Senghas, and Julie Porter. In this UUA presidential election year, their presence and vote is especially important for our denomination.

In gratitude and with generosity toward our wonderful faith community, we live in abundance at First Parish.

Pam Pierson, Chair Board of Assessors

## Religious Education

On a Sunday in late March, a breathless second grader came running into the RE office, excited to share the news of a crocus bursting through the hard ground in front of our 110 Edgell building. Yes, spring is in the air! I always feel a wonderful sense of hope around this time of year, and I see it as a time of renewal. I hope you too are welcoming the earth's shift into this season.

The schedule for Religious Education in April is a bit unusual for first through eighth graders. We will have "Special Sundays" on both April 12th (Easter) and on April 19th (three-day weekend and the beginning of school vacation week). First through sixth graders will attend the beginning of the church service and then come to the Huntley Room for special activities. Early Preschool and Preschool/Kindergarten classes will have their regular classes. Seventh/eighth graders will attend church on those Sundays.

On April 26th, we will have a multigenerational Earth Day service. The service will honor our earth and will provide an opportunity for all ages to worship together for the entire service. Except for the Early Preschool class, there

will be no regular classes that day. Regular classes will resume on May 3rd.

All Parents: Keep your eyes out for the 2009-2010 registration forms coming in the mail. The forms will be mailed during the week of April 20th. Registrations will be due back in the RE office by May 10th. We will have all the teaching positions open, as well as some youth advisor positions. Please remember that if you are not currently teaching or advising, next year is your teaching year.

I want to let the congregation know that I have completed an enormous amount of work in the Unitarian Universalist Association's "Credentialing Program" for religious educators. (This is a program to further professionalize the field of religious education and create stronger religious educators in the process.) I've been working on this credentialing process for three years. I go before the UUA Credentialing Committee at the end of April.

Julie Porter,  
Director of Religious Education

## Mass Bay District News [www.mbdoua.org](http://www.mbdoua.org) / 617-393-4216

### Congregational What?

by Rev. Sue Phillips, Director of Program Development

Most of us sitting in the pews on Sunday morning take pride in the autonomy of our Unitarian Universalist congregation, which calls its own minister, creates its own annual budget, and decides which symbols adorn its sanctuary. All those important decisions are ours and ours alone.

This same sense of congregational independence was equally prized by our Puritan forebears – indeed they were its authors. But those wise people also knew that unchecked autonomy is no healthier for individual churches than it is for individual people. They knew that autonomous congregations – like people – are stronger when they band together. And so the churches joined in a covenant, promising each other "care, consultation, admonition, participation, recommendation and relief." This is congregational polity.

And this is why the Massachusetts Bay District of UU Congregations and the Unitarian Universalist Association exist: to help congregations help each other. The 55 UU congregations in the Mass Bay District band together to offer one another leadership development, technical training on everything from worship to stewardship, assistance during the search for profes-

sional leadership, grant funds for growth projects, and District staff to turn to when they need support. Sometimes people use the principle of congregational polity to focus on the autonomy of individual congregations. We might recognize this focus in a mild distrust of the UUA or a reluctance to pay District dues. And yet congregational polity is so much more than a justification for independence. It is the vehicle of interdependence. Ours is a living theological tradition, but our polity has remained virtually unchanged for hundreds of years. In a religious movement without a shared theological center, our polity is what holds us together – it's the covenant out of which our connective web is woven.

#### **RESOURCES:**

*Interdependence: Renewing Congregational Polity* (UUA Commission on Appraisal)

*Walking Together: Polity and Participation in UU Churches*, by Conrad Wright (Skinner House Books)

#### UPCOMING AT MASS BAY DISTRICT

Lay Pastoral Care Teams Training: March 21, 2009

Seeking Wholeness in a Fragmented World, Spring Conference and Annual Meeting: April 25, 2009

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## *Around The Parish*

**Louise Rivers** is appreciative of all the cards, calls and visits she has received during her recovery from her fall. She is well on her way to a full recovery.

**Corrinne Valentine** is in great spirits as she awaits surgery for her thyroid cancer. A full recovery is anticipated. Our thoughts and prayers are with Corrinne in the days ahead.

**Karen Hirshman** is now home recovering from her broken wrist and hip surgery. Visits and calls are always appreciated and welcomed.

Our thoughts are with **Daryl Hess** whose 93-year old father is in the hospital.

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## *Announcements: Dates & Events*

#### **Caritas Coordinator**

The April, Caritas coordinator is Valerie Foley: 781-416-4020 or [valeriefoley@comcast.net](mailto:valeriefoley@comcast.net).

#### **Roots & Shoots**

Combat the Invaders! Roots & Shoots Meets Sat, April 4th, 3-5pm in the Huntley Room (and outdoors!)

Our chapter of Roots & Shoots, the Jane Goodall Institute's global, environmental and humanitarian program for young people, will be learning about native versus invasive plant species at this meeting. We will check out the plants on our church property and do battle against the invaders! Wear old clothes, bring your digging forks, and get ready to uproot, untangle, and unwind. Bring a snack to share after the hard work. This organization is youth-focused, but all events are multi-generational. Please join us if you love kids, animals and the environment and you want to make a difference in our world! RSVP to Aimee Dalrymple at [ADalrymple@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:ADalrymple@alumni.duke.edu) or 508-652-9946.

Visit [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org) for more information about this organization.

#### **First Parish Artist Exhibition**

Come see how some of your First Parish Artist express themselves in watercolor, oil and acrylic. All are invited to the opening Reception Sunday April 5, 1-4pm in Scott Hall.

Exhibition on display April 5 – May 17. Open to the public Sundays 1-4pm. All art is for sale, 20% commission to go

to the First Parish. Any questions contact Beth Walton or Judy Perry.

#### **Men's Club meeting, Monday, April 6th.**

Social Hour at 6:30, dinner at 7:00. Steven Nodvin, Math and Science Department Head at Wentworth Institute of Technology, will be speaking on Global Warming/Climate Change at the Men's Club Dinner Monday evening April 6th. Steve has a twenty five year background on global warming science and issues and has been a guest speaker at local, state and national conferences. I hope you all can make the dinner and presentation.

If you would to come and are not contacted by someone, please call Dick Paul 508-872-9729. Cost, the usual \$8.00.

#### **Passover Seder, Thursday, April 9th**

Once again, friends and members of First Parish will gather in Scott Hall to celebrate the First Parish Passover Seder. Traditionally, family and friends gather in their homes for the Seder to retell the biblical story of Moses leading the Jews in Egypt out of bondage to freedom. For Unitarian-Universalists, the Passover Seder is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate freedom from slavery, prejudice, and bondage in all its forms for all people. Preceding Easter Sunday this year, the Passover Seder is considered by many theologians to be Jesus last supper.

Join your First Parish family at our church home for a traditional Passover Seder meal and the participatory reading of the Haggadah on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 9 at 6:15 pm in Scott Hall. Sign up during the Social Hour in Scott Hall after each service on Sunday,

March 22 and March 29. Your contribution of \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child under age 16 (maximum \$10 per family) enables us to purchase wine, juice, matzo, flowers, and paper goods for the tables.

Each adult is also asked to bring one dish enough for eight people (e.g., matzo ball soup, roasted chicken, beef dish, salad, carrot tzimmes, yam tzimmes, dessert). Food does not need to be kosher but should not contain wheat products such as flour. Recipes will be available at the registration table.

Please call Eva Benda at 508-872-7125 (email [evabenda@verizon.net](mailto:evabenda@verizon.net)) if you would like to attend the Seder but cannot sign up at the Social Hour or if you are interested in hosting a table at the Seder. The host or hostess reads an assigned section in the Haggadah, guides the participants at the table with the rituals, brings the traditional Seder plate, and sets up his table.

### **Women's Alliance**

The Women's Alliance will meet April 13th. The program for this April will be the opera *La Boheme* by Puccini. Running time is 1 hour and 36 minutes. English subtitles. Bring a sandwich, coffee and dessert will be served. For information call Susie Macdonald at 508-875-3322

### **A Note from the Collector**

March 31 is the end of our 3rd fiscal quarter. This is a good time to catch up on your pledge if you have fallen behind.

Thanks, Walt Barker, Collector

### **Share The Plate**

In January we donated \$448.67 to Massachusetts Peace Action for the Share The Plate offering. Donations were for the Mass. Peace Education fund and totaled at \$448.67. Your generosity is appreciated.

We donated \$622 for the UU Ministry for Earth, in February. Your contributions will allow us to renew our membership and enable UU Ministry for Earth to bring our 7th UU Principle, "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part"...into our church life as well as into our private lives. Thank you for your donations.

### **An Invitation from the Pies Committee**

The Pies on the Common Committee has held its first planning meeting, and we're looking forward to a fun and successful event on Saturday October 17. This will be First Parish's 19th annual fair which has grown to be a significant fund-raiser as well as a community-building celebration.

Pies 2008 brought our church over \$13,000 in net profit, and it couldn't have been accomplished without the support of each and every volunteer. There are lots of opportunities for both newcomers and 'old-timers' to get involved in Pies 2009.

Seeking a Quilt Raffle Coordinator to oversee ticket sales for the beautiful quilt made by Vickie Karian. We're also looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to schedule the doz-

ens of volunteers who sign up to help on the big day. Maybe your talents are better suited for the role of Equipment Manager who can help coordinate the set up and clean up of tables, tents, and other equipment. Better yet, bring a friend and share a volunteer position!

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, when our main focus will be brainstorming ideas for the Kids' Corner.

If you would like to know more about how to get involved, please contact Ann Arvidson at 508-879-4246 or Monica Alley at 508-881-7147.

We promise you'll laugh a lot, make new friends, learn a thing or two, and eat well!

### **Annual Auction**

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, May 2nd - 51st Annual Auction -

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican fare and festivities, including margaritas, Mexican beer and sangria! Non Mexican food available as well. Send in your donations to the church or email Diane Montgomery: [montgomeryd2@comcast.net](mailto:montgomeryd2@comcast.net)

Don't miss out on the fun!

### **Social Action**

#### **Meet with MetroWest Legislators on April 26**

MICAH (Metropolitan Interfaith Congregations Acting for Hope) is inviting state legislators for Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Sudbury, and Wayland to a meeting to discuss proposed legislation to tax telephone poles. Massachusetts is the ONLY state that does not tax telephone poles. In these difficult economic times, this tax would bring much needed revenue to our communities, \$31,000 to Ashland, \$670,000 to Framingham, \$160,000 to Natick, \$172,000 to Sudbury, and \$118,000 to Wayland. The meeting will be on Sunday, April 26, from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. Tarcisius. You are invited! Please come; legislators are influenced by how many people show up! (Please contact [janice.knappcordes@gmail.com](mailto:janice.knappcordes@gmail.com) or 508-877-3771 if you plan to attend.) For detailed information on the proposal, go to [www.massbudget.org/file\\_storage/documents/TelecomPropertyTaxReport.pdf](http://www.massbudget.org/file_storage/documents/TelecomPropertyTaxReport.pdf)

### **Green Cleaning, Healthy Cleaning**

All people who clean a house at any time are invited to attend a workshop on Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. We are exposed to toxic chemicals contained in cleaning products, often without knowing that the systematic use of these toxins can cause irreversible damage to our health.

The labels on these products do not always reveal all of the ingredients contained or the harm that they can cause. Come to a presentation given by the Brazilian Women's Group and learn about cleaning alternatives that do not harm the environment or our health.

We will make cleaning products with natural ingredients using water, vinegar, vegetable soap, borax, and essential oils.

**Maintenance Garden Needs** Are you downsizing? Do you have an overflow of gardening stuff? Maintenance is gearing up for the spring gardening effort and we are looking for tools. Let us know at [maintenance@uuframingham.org](mailto:maintenance@uuframingham.org) what you have and we let you know where to drop it off.

### **First Parish Refrigerator!!**

Food in the main kitchen refrigerator left by persons and committees unknown is soon to be discarded. Tentative date to clean the frig is April 10.

If your group has any claim on any of this food, please label it with your name and the date you intend to use it. At the next Church Council meeting, all committees will be informed of the need to claim any food. All good stuff unclaimed will be offered to those who need food.

Committees and event chairpersons are reminded to leave no food in the refrigerator at the close of the event. Comments: Judy Perry & Russ Greve

### **Update on the MetroWest Free Medical Program**

In 2008 First Parish Framingham became a partner in the MetroWest Free Medical Program, a 501c3 organization (the first site, in Sudbury, at Temple Beth-El, opened in 2004). Volunteers from First Parish have been working to make this program a reality in Framingham and to provide health care to those in our MetroWest communities who do not have health insurance. Recently, the MWFMP Board President, Gary Hirsch, wrote to thank all the volunteers for our dedication and financial support for this program. He highlighted the following accomplishments of the joint program in 2008. With your help, the MetroWest Free Medical Program:

- 1) Provided care to those without insurance in MetroWest, including 1169 physician visits for 894 patients.
- 2) Welcomed dozens of new volunteers, including the team from First Parish Church who opened the program's Framingham site.
- 3) Began a Vision care program.
- 4) Started helping patients apply for health insurance on-site.
- 5) Expanded our connections with the Great Brook Valley Community Health Center and MetroWest Medical Center
- 6) Created partnerships with other community organizations for better referrals.
- 7) Secured funding to expand services and continue operations into 2009.

For more information about the MWFMP and how you can help, please contact Ginger Dixon, Janice Knapp-Cordes, or John Simsarian.

### **Social Action**

**Legislative Action Day for Youth** 2009 at First Church in Boston! Sponsors: First Church, Boston, UU Service Committee & Promise the Children

- ON: Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 8:30-3:30

- AT: First Church, Boston, 66 Marlborough St.
- WHAT: Morning discussion presentation of two issues and how to lobby them followed by an afternoon trip to the State House to lobby legislators/legislative aides.
- FOOD: Breakfast, lunch and, & ice cream sundaes!
- WHO: Youth, parents, youth leaders, coming of age

groups, friends and guests are invited. All may join in the discussions!

- COST: \$10 per youth or attendee.
- Call Meryl at 978-356-4403 by April 10th for more information. Contact [janice.knappcordes@gmail.com](mailto:janice.knappcordes@gmail.com) or 508-877-3771 to join the First Parish delegation by April 10th.

### **Urban Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to UU Urban Ministry's Renewal House. You will bring some joy to mothers and children who will be using the products that you generously donated. Domestic abuse is a painful experience. Thank you for showing your care.

### **UU Volley Ball**

Have fun playing volleyball on April 4th.....First Parish is joining other UU churches in MA to raise money for The Channing School in Hyde Park, MA. The Channing School was founded by fellow UU, William Ellery Channing. Due to budget cuts the school is in dire need of funds. For details and to be a part of the team contact Jill Vroman at 508-481-0392 or email at [jvroman2@verizon.net](mailto:jvroman2@verizon.net).

### **First Parish Framingham FREE CYCLE: Goods & Services for Swap & Sell!**

In April, May and June ... swap or recycle or sell your gently used goods and offered services. On individual 3x5 cards (1 item per card) describe the item and your contact information. Thumbtack your card/s on the Adult RE bulletin board in Scott Hall. 4 categories and your 3x5 cards will help get the word out.

#### **CATEGORIES:**

1. Goods and Services for Swap and Sale
2. Looking for...
3. Techie (no monitors) plus the \*Cord Swap Bins\* (see below)
4. Stuff (stereo, computer, entertainment systems etc.)

All exchanges are between the individuals swapping, buying or selling (i.e., First Parish will not be involved).

Also by the Bulletin Board:

**BUSINESS CARD BINDER** of cards for FPF (only) people with services or small businesses will be on a table near the bulletin board. You may place several cards in a sleeve for people to take.

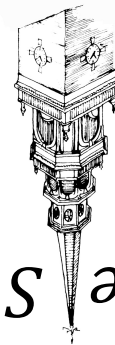
**CORD SWAP BINS** are by the bulletin board for people to leave and take cables, power adapters, power strips. Important — NO car adapters, no AC/DC adapters. Please label EACH cord's purpose and tie it up with twist ties or rubber bands.

Questions: tech wise: David Doucette 508-624-9664, otherwise: Karin Tanenholtz 508-485-7185

# April, 2009

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