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grew up in the Pacific Northwest where she earned a Bachelor's in Theatre Arts and pursued graduate studies in dance at Oregon universities. After discovering the Unitarian Universalist tradition she soon realized she was called to ministry as a way to build strong community and celebrate the deep joy she feels for life. Lise received a Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School. She joined us at First Parish in August 2015.



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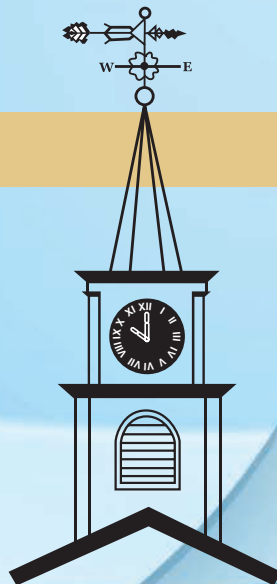
where inspiration comes from not one, but many spiritual sources.

- Where people with diverse beliefs gather as one faith.
- Where your children's religious education includes a study of world religions.
- Where the emphasis is on deeds, not creeds.
- That believes in the worth and dignity of every person, and where reason and conscience are celebrated.

Worship • Stewardship • Learning • Caring • Justice • Freedom

Visit our website for more information about our congregation, our church school, adult learning opportunities, and our many additional programs and upcoming social events.

www.firstparishnorwell.org



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First Parish of Norwell Unitarian Universalist

In the bonds of fellowship and love, we unite to cultivate reverence, to promote spiritual growth and ethical commitment, to minister to each other's needs and to those of humanity, to celebrate the sacred moments of life's passage, and to honor the holiness at the heart of being.

- First Parish Covenant, adopted 2003

Please take this brochure....and pass it on.

OUR HISTORY

First Parish of Norwell was established in 1642. As a Unitarian Universalist Church we share in the long and proud history of our denomination. We number among our forebearers women such as Clara Barton and Susan B. Anthony and men such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams.



SPIRITUAL FAMILY

Children as well as adults are never too old to grow and to learn. We aspire to create an extended spiritual family where young and old, Christian and non-Christian, theist and humanist can offer each other mutual friendship and support in our common religious quest. Ours is a Welcoming Congregation. We recognize no distinction of class, nationality, race, age or sexual orientation.

LEARNING



Religious education is a life-long process. In our seeking after eternal truths we look to the best of the Judeo-Christian tradition and to other non-western sources. We believe that children can best achieve a meaningful faith by awakening and strengthening their own capacities for caring, loving and seeking.



GOVERNANCE

First Parish of Norwell was gathered in 1642 as the second parish in South Scituate, as this area was then known. Our first congregation was gathered by covenant rather than creed, and so it is to this day. Our beautiful church was erected in 1830 and is the fifth meetinghouse for this congregation.

We are an autonomous, democratically governed congregation, funded through the contributions of friends and members, and affiliated with more than a thousand other congregations in the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Our Parish Committee, elected by the congregation, is a policy-making body responsible for administering the overall affairs of the church and leading the congregation toward the realization of its vision. Lay leadership and participation are essential to making our programs and ministries a reality. We all work together to build the caring community of the church.



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UU Principles

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



... we invite you to join us!