

# The Spire

The Newsletter of  
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Unitarian Universalist**  
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## Sunday Services - 10 am

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry  
preaching unless otherwise indicated

### May 13: **Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day**

As we discuss our sixth principle, "the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all," we'll revisit Howe's vision of a Mother's Day that envisioned a world of peace for all our children. This is also an **Outreach Sunday** to benefit the Mass. Bail Fund that provides bail of \$500 or less to those who couldn't otherwise afford it.

May 20: Rev. Rachel Tedesco, pulpit guest

Rev. Rachel was a student minister at First Parish with Rev. Fewkes and helped establish our Partakers ministry. We're excited to have her visit while Rev. Lise is away. Her sermon topic is TBA; check an upcoming iSpi.

May 27:

### **Because We Should Never Forget Them**

At a time when we are questioning our participation on the world stage, it's important to reflect on our reasons and justifications for war because honoring those who serve is necessary in life and death.

June 3: **Flower Communion**

Please remember to bring flowers, greenery or even a twig to share as we celebrate this uniquely Unitarian Universalist tradition.

**WE ARE UU!**

## OFFICE HOURS

(September to mid-June):

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am-1 pm

Friday: 9 am-12 pm

### Minister:

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### Parish Committee 2017-2018:

Chair: Les Taylor

Members: Scott Garland, David Hockman,  
Amanda Metzger, Gabrielle Millins, Mary  
Nickerson and Jim Pickel

Treasurer: Marta Reese

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Richard M. Fewkes

The deadline for the next issue of the Spire is  
**Monday, May 7, 2018**. Submissions should be  
emailed to Hope at  
[office@firstparishnorwell.org](mailto:office@firstparishnorwell.org).



## LISE'S LETTER

Last month, with kudos to Elizabeth Robinson for doing the heavy lifting of organizing and facilitating most of the classes, we finished an adult religious education class that studied and discussed the book *Hidden Genocide, Hidden People*. Written by Dennis Cerrotti, the book looks at the relationship between the Pilgrims, Puritans, other early European colonists, and New England Native American peoples (Wampanoag, Narragansett, Pequot and others). While there are times when the book gets a little repetitive, it does a very good job of presenting the history of those times. All of us participating in the class were too often surprised by many of the facts we didn't know. Unfortunately, the facts that we weren't aware of were those regarding the *extent* of the unjust and inhuman treatment of the Native American population.

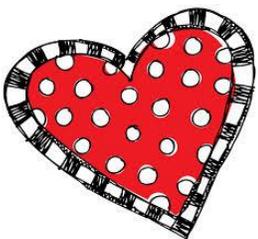
The Puritans, in particular, used their religion to justify their dominion and conquest over the Native Americans' land and culture. Viewing their situation as analogous to the Jews escaping Egypt after decades of persecution, they justified their actions as the glorification of God and his will for the success of their new society. Any victory was interpreted as a triumph for God, and those they vanquished were viewed as less than human. When Native American tribes tried to legally challenge the wrongs being done to them, the Puritans used their written laws and culture to bamboozle the Native Americans. Not knowing the English language and legal system, the Native Americans were at a great disadvantage despite having their own sophisticated oral tradition and customs that had served them well for centuries. It's an example of what we would now call systemic racism, having and relying on a process that favors a particular race or ethnicity to the detriment of others.

I wanted to reflect on this with you all given the continued spotlight on issues that show how our own society continues to devalue others who are not part of the dominant white

culture. Last month there was the incident of two black patrons being arrested at a Starbucks in Philadelphia for loitering when they were waiting for a friend. The Mashpee Wampanoag tribe, who were here before European colonization, may lose their reservation status because they were recognized as a Native American tribe by the federal government after 1934. Immigrant children brought here by their parents, now grown to adulthood and fully acclimated as US citizens by language and tradition, if not by law, are still in limbo regarding their status in the only country they have ever known. One could say that all these examples are justified by laws, but are they just? Do they recognize and serve all the people who live in our country? Do we need to re-examine our written codes and update them to better serve all our needs?

Our Unitarian Universalist tradition is recognized as a religion, and therefore some say that we shouldn't be involved in political discussions. Regarding the favoring of particular candidates in this arena, I wholeheartedly agree. But while we don't follow a particular creed, and name ourselves as pluralistic in the religious sources that influence us, we do share many life affirming values. We do our best to honor the inherent worth and dignity of all, we fight for just treatment, equality and compassion. We affirm the democratic process. We know that what affects one, affects us all as named in the interdependent web of existence that we acknowledge. Given these values, I hope we can all engage in civil discussions that work to bestow the blessings of life on all.

Blessings and love,  
Rev. Lise



### CARING CORNER

By now, you have heard that Phyllis Cohen passed away on May 1. She will be remembered at a

memorial service here at First Parish. The date has yet to be determined; we will keep everyone posted. To view her obituary, please click here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/southofboston-ledger/obituary.aspx?n=phyllis-r-cohen&pid=188949249>.

Did you accidentally come home from church on Music Sunday (May 6) with the wrong jacket? George Goodwin is hoping to be reunited with his jacket. It is a black hooded Eddie Bauer jacket in size large. The jacket that was left here is size extra large/tall.

Help us to keep in touch, celebrate the happy moments in life and support you during the difficult times. Please send your news to Hope Weinman in the Church Office at 781-659-7122 or [office@firstparishnorwell.com](mailto:office@firstparishnorwell.com), or contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team (Sue Robinson, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Marcia Babcock, Noel Constantino, Betsey Detwiler, Joanne Howard and Joyce Hockman).



### COMMUNITY DINNER

Please attend our very own Community Dinner, open to all, here at First Parish of Norwell, in the Parish Hall. Guests, INCLUDING YOU, are welcome from 5 to 6:20 pm on **Wednesday, May 9**. Dinner is free to all, so come and eat! You are also welcome to participate at the **Wednesday, June 13** dinner by:

- Sharing the invitation with friends and neighbors
- Attending and making our guests feel welcome in your church
- Providing salad ingredients or cookies
- Helping to clean up
- Bringing people who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend is a wonderful way to help

To sign up, please see Jack Wallace, Marcia Babcock or Debbie Chase.

Many of you may have heard by now, that Jessie Slade, our Director of Education this past year, is returning to teaching fulltime. While we are excited for her new choice, we will greatly miss her professional contributions to our community. Jessie brought her two decades of teaching experience and working with children and their families to all aspects of her work with us. We have loved the way she's related to our children and the rest of the congregation during our Sunday Time for All Ages. Jessie has made Sunday morning teaching much easier by providing all needed teaching supplies and many creative ideas. This last weekend, she helped host a sleepover for our children in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> building community for the years to come. These are just some of the many ways that we've seen her working out in front of us all, but she's also done much behind the scenes as well. I want to publicly thank her for all her dedication to our children, families and UU traditions. We will look forward to having Jessie and her family sitting with us in the pews as "regular" folks in the time to come. Thank you so much, Jessie!

Blessings,  
Rev. Lise

(On another note, if you know of anyone who might be interested in our Director of Religious Education position, please let me know. The position will be officially posted soon.)

Marcia Babcock, Larry and Karen Baker, Paul Bourque, Laurie Brown and Dan Carroll, Bob and Shirley Bunnell, Bill and Staci Carey, Jean Christensen, Phyllis Cohen, Noel Constantino, Patricia Crumley, Bob Cullum, John and Peg Carpenter, Betsey Detwiler, Jefferson and Ryan Detwiler, Susan Donahue, David and Betsey Drollett, Peter and Roberta Fairbanks, Maddy Farrar, Bernie and Bev Gardner, George and Linda Goodwin, Ralph and Betsy Gordon, Jordan and Emily Grant, Clayton and Ellie Handleman, Cathy Harder-Bernier, Bob and Barbara Hickey, Dave and Joyce Hockman, Deane and Joanne Howard, Steve Hurt, Pearl Jayko, Helen Keeler, Joan Kenworthy, Phil and Diane Koury, Chris and Peg Kitchenham, Joan Kuhn, Sarah Lincoln, John Litchfield, Tommie Magazu, John McCann and Debbie Chase, Jay and Julie McOsker, John and Debi Meddaugh, Mary Mercier, Don and Joan Messinger, Jon and Mandy Metzger, John Micek and Nancy Fuller, Jim and Marie Miller, Prue Miller, Jim and Gabe Millins, Jeannette Mitchell, Ed Mosher and Carol Altshuler, Bob and Carol Neely, Kerry Ouellet, Dan and Cathy Phillips, Harold and Lorna Phillips, Jim and Joyce Pickel, Alan Prouty, Denise Rachel, Marta Reese, Deanna Riley, Colby Ring and Amanda Peterson, Thad and Elizabeth Robey, Dexter and Sue Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Paul and Denise Shaw, Scott and Amy Stephenson, Derek and Jen Sulc, Sue Sulc, Les and Marlon Taylor, Dave and Julia Traggorth, Peter and Linda Twomey, David and Sally Turner, Paul and Netta Vercollone, Jack Wallace, Debb Welsh, Mark and Judy Witcher, Sandra Williams, George and Donna Wilson and Tom and Abbie Yardley.



The Finance Committee thanks you for your support of "Sharing Hearts Lead the Way", the 2018-2019 Annual Pledge Drive. As of May 4, 83 pledges (totalling \$123,730) have been received. Pledges have been received from:

Anonymous (1), Amanda Adams, Jeff Angley, George and Meredith Atkinson, Scott and



## FIRST PARISH BOOK GROUP

Join us on **Wednesday, June 6** at 7 pm in the Fogg Parlor as we discuss "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. All are welcome!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Happy Spring, First Parish!

The last month has been busy and I hope this message finds you all happy, healthy, and enjoying the sunshine!

We had a wonderful turnout for our Easter Egg Hunt. The RE Committee spent the Friday night prior stuffing eggs and eating pizza! We had a wonderful turnout of helpers, including a group of children, so the workload was light and the giggles abundant. To say that our children have self-control is an understatement. It's hard not to candy binge when prepping for an Easter Egg Hunt, but our children really stuck to the task and 507 eggs were ready to go within a short time. Our lawn was transformed into a sea of color and the "hunt" was more of a "scoop-and-go" situation, but fun was had by all and the day continued with outdoor games led by Mandy Metzger. Thank you, Mandy!

We recently had a successful sleepover with our 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We held true to the "May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You" theme (date May 4<sup>th</sup>!) and filled our evening with Star Wars, running on the playground, games, popcorn, pizza, and yes...sleep! We finished off our overnight with a pancake breakfast. I have two big take-aways from that evening...1) confirmation that these are some of the nicest children one could spend a sleepy overnight with and 2) they LOVE popcorn!

Our Neighboring Faiths class recently visited the open-mosque day at the Islamic Center in Quincy. The students learned about the pillars of Islam in detail, with comedy and lots of audience participation woven into the presentation. We also listened to Imam Dr. Khalid Nasr read from the Quran, a book that he had memorized in its entirety, an accomplishment that I think was not lost on our students. Imam Nasr engaged the entire group (including our NF students) in an open Q&A forum. Questions were thoughtful, the

answers even more so. Otto entered the mosque wondering if the direction to Mecca takes into consideration the curvature of the Earth. He didn't pose this question to the Imam during the group discussion, but did ask him privately later, and yes, the curvature of the Earth is taken into consideration, and yes, there is an app for that. Some of the students then went on to get henna tattoos and others joined the prayer hall in action. The day was full of curiosity, learning, kindness, open minds and open hearts.

Our UU Superheroes class, as well as our Questing Year class, continue to engage in hands-on projects that promote a deeper understanding of our UU heritage and values. Activities have included running a scientific experiment with yeast and Hydrogen Peroxide (Joseph Priestley), making cards for veterans (Clara Barton), and making recycling signs (Pete Seeger). Our Questing Year group is gearing up to raise money for a local charity through a raffle. Stay tuned!

Our Youth Group continues to meet with teens from Scituate, Cohasset, and Rockland. The group recently had a youth-led service at Channing Church. Youth Group has been active with many CONS this year in addition to their usual group meetings every two weeks. They have formed a community, planned events, attended rallies, and spent many late nights together... Youth Group success.

And it's time for Mystery Friends! Help us build our FPNUU Multi-Generational community! Mystery Friends is a wonderful way to have some fun and deepen your connection with a child or adult in our parish. Do you know who has a cat named "Merry" because she was adopted at Christmas? How about the person who recently took up meditation and Tai Chi? We all have something to share and building on our personal connections is a great way to bring us all closer together. So please consider joining us for our 2018 Mystery Friends season! Sign up in the Parish Hall during coffee hour THIS Sunday or reach out to me if

you are interested in participating or need more information ([drefpnuu@gmail.com](mailto:drefpnuu@gmail.com)).  
Dates: May 20 and 27 and June 3 and 10

Warmly,  
Jessie



## KENT HOUSE AVAILABLE

Our charming Kent House will be available for rent on or about August 1, 2018. This date is contingent upon completing planned repair and maintenance projects that the Building and Grounds Committee is currently scheduling. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who might be interested, please reach out to Larry Baker of the Finance Committee at 781-878-4990 or [larry@lawrencebaker.net](mailto:larry@lawrencebaker.net).



## CLIMATE CHANGE MOVIE

A Movie Night is being organized by the Climate Change CHALICE Group. The event will occur on **Saturday, May 12** with a showing of "Before the Flood", a National Geographic documentary film featuring Leonardo DiCaprio. We will start with a pot-luck supper at 6 pm, with tables set up to provide ecology-related crafts for children of all ages. We will begin the 96 minute movie after the supper around 7 pm, and there will be time for discussion following the movie. Please contact Bernie Gardner at [w1az@arrl.net](mailto:w1az@arrl.net) or 781-883-8140 for more information.



## FIRST PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT



It's spring and time for the First Parish Spring Golf Fun Day! Whether you have the talent of Tiger Woods or Chris Kitchenham, this is a great time. Join us at Squirrel Run in Plymouth on **Saturday, June 2** at 12:30 pm. We play best ball, where four players hit from the tee, select the best shot and all hit their next ball from there. This moves the game along. It is great for those who want to try golf... a fun way of doing it. After the (par 57) game, we all go back to First Parish to meet non-players for a fantastic barbecue of steak or swordfish. (BYOB - bring your own beverage.) Sign up with Peter Fairbanks, John Meddaugh, Don Messinger or Deane Howard. You can also pick up a registration form in the Church Office or use the form on page 12 of this newsletter. Not a golfer? Become a hole sponsor for \$50 per hole. Join with friends or as a committee or business to sponsor a hole.

## TREASURER SEARCH

With Marta Reese's upcoming retirement, we are searching for a church member who can assume the Treasurer position beginning July 1 for a proposed 3 year term (option for renewable with no term limits imposed). The Treasurer will need to be comfortable with numbers and accounting principles, as well as supervising our Assistant Treasurer and working with our internal auditor. A stipend for the Treasurer position is in place. To view the job description, please see the job responsibilities posted outside the Parish Hall or click [here](#) to view. Do you know of a church member candidate for Treasurer? Are you interested yourself? If so, please contact our Chair of the Nominating Committee, Bob Neely, via email at [robertneely01@gmail.com](mailto:robertneely01@gmail.com) or phone at (781) 659-2935. Thank you!



## FROM THE PARISH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Last month the Parish Committee hosted a successful Cottage Meeting, eliciting helpful feedback from 19 attendees following coffee hour. We appreciated everyone who was able to attend, so thank you! We had two main issues to cover: “transitions/change” (continuing the discussion from Rev. Lise’s February sermon and talk back) and reviewing the proposed bylaw changes set to be voted on at FPN’s Annual Meeting coming up next month. Before delving into these two topics, we took a few minutes to first make an “appreciation list” offered by those in attendance at the Cottage Meeting. The following summarizes all of the responses gathered at our meeting:

### Appreciation

- Our RE Director, Jessie
- Our minister, Lise
- Our Treasurer, Marta
- Our kids
- The James Library
- The Preschool
- The Kent House
- The Parish Committee, for its leadership
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee, for the great care of our facilities
- The Pastoral Care Team, for personal crisis support
- All church committees
- Music Committee and Choir
- The People
- Volunteers everywhere
- Rich history
- Generosity
- Service projects
- Community dinner
- Educational adult programs
- Education on prison ministry (Partakers)
- Being able to talk about our issues and concerns
- Easter casseroles
- Our sense of humor

### Transitions/Change

- We need to keep having open and honest conversation
- We honor our Right Relations Covenant
- We want to be open to alternative opinions
- LISTEN!
- Be open to change that will engage/retain more people
- Listen/seek out needs and concerns
- Be thankful and grateful for all that we have (focus on the positive)
- Get our message out there (marketing) - idea of college admission help
- Recognize generational differences - honors that *and* be open to change
- New traditions are good! Need to try something new a few times.
- Don’t take change personally
- Recognize that a “no” may hurt feelings and make some feel “useless”
- Recognize we can keep some “old” traditions while incorporating new ones
- New ideas bring energy to the church
- More God (religion) is needed - increase spirituality
- Less political overtones
- Be aware of a perception that UU’s are all liberals and Democrats
- More world religions and the lessons we can learn from that
- For some, recognize that “church” can create anxiety (tradition baggage)
- We live in constant tension of extremes - seek balance and “sweet spot”
- Music and poetry are spiritual

### Proposed Bylaw Changes

- If the Treasurer becomes a voting PC member again, will he/she need to meet the current bylaw requirement of having been a church member for 3 years and/or having served on a church committee? Perhaps that is too limiting? **Follow up note:** the answers to the two questions posed in the first

sentence are being proposed as “no” in our bylaw change request.)

- Preference is for the Treasurer requirement to be a church member remain. (**Follow up note:** yes, that remains our first choice as well, but we need to be prepared to search “outside” if no church member candidates come forth)
- Historically, when FPN went to a having 7 members, the PC handled church finance matters (budget, endowment & canvass) before we had a Finance Committee and also many Buildings & Grounds responsibilities.
- Past PC members, and particularly PC Chairs, have burned out.
- If a past PC member sticks around after a 3 year period (as opposed to disappearing), they could be more available to consult/assist if needed.
- Perhaps the Treasurer helps with institutional memory.
- It would be good to have a removal system for any elected committee members who aren’t performing their duties, showing up to meetings, not participating, etc. (**Follow up note:** see the response after the final bullet point on this list regarding the same issue)
- Concern about having any term limits
- Not having term limits can be scary
- Treasurer should report to the Parish Committee and not just the PC Chair. (**Follow up note:** that is the case)
- Reviews are very important for the church employees and the Treasurer
- Cost of hiring a non-member Treasurer could be quite expensive.
- We need a “big picture” view for hiring a Facilities Manager
- 13 people supported the idea of a 3 year term for the Treasurer
- A majority supported an “out clause” for all elected committees for cause. (**Follow up note:** although we agree that our bylaws should eventually include removal guidelines for both

elected committees and church administrative positions, we (the PC, Minister and Clerk) feel that enough change is being proposed this go-round to further complicate the warrant; addressing this issue in the future is certainly worthy)

Again, we thank the Cottage Meeting attendees and all who have voiced their opinions and provided the Parish Committee with feedback. Please look for and closely review our Clerk’s forthcoming Warrant for our Annual Meeting. I look forward to seeing you and answering additional questions when we gather for that very important church meeting on **Sunday, June 3** at 11:30 am.

In fellowship and love,  
Les Taylor



## FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know you can see our church’s Facebook page even if you are not a Facebook user? Visit our website at [www.firstparishnorwell.org](http://www.firstparishnorwell.org), and click on the small “f” in the yellow toolbar at the top of each page. If you’re reading our electronic mini newsletter, the iSpi, click on the blue Facebook at the bottom of the page.

### Attention Committee Chairs:

Remember, committee annual reports are due to Hope in the Church Office at [office@firstparishnorwell.org](mailto:office@firstparishnorwell.org) by **Friday, May 11** at 9 am. Please let Hope know if you would like a copy of your committee’s report from last year to assist you.

## HOW TO DO THE MOST GOOD IN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TIME

If you are busy but still looking for a way to support our church, perhaps you would consider serving on the Invested Funds Committee. We meet 3 times a year and, in that time, do work that is vital to our congregation.

The Invested Funds Committee exists to support the long term viability of First Parish of Norwell. We are looking for members who share this long term view and have shown a personal commitment to sustaining our mission long into the future. Money management knowledge or experience is not required, as we hire that expertise. Our committee does evaluate the performance of the hired experts which is largely based on the quality of their communication, their availability to answer questions and their ability to provide reporting to the treasurer and the congregation. If you feel competent to judge those things, and care, strongly, about seeing our church continue long into the future, we'd love to have you join us. For more details, see below. If you are interested, please speak to anyone on the Nomination Committee or Jack Wallace.

### FPN By-Law (6/9/13) Section 3. Invested Funds Committee

The Invested Funds Committee shall consist of seven (7) voting members: five (5) voting members each Serving a four (4) year term, one (1) voting member elected annually by the Finance Committee from its members, and one (1) voting member elected annually by the Parish Committee from its members. No member who has served for two consecutive full terms shall succeed himself/herself or any other member until one or more years has transpired. It is recommended that members elected by the Parish and Finance Committees serve at least two consecutive one-year terms. No individual shall be nominated for or appointed to the Invested Funds Committee unless he or she

meets the requirements for voting membership of First Parish of Norwell, has been a member for three years, and has previously served on an elected or standing committee.

Management of Invested Funds Guidelines:  
First Parish Invested Funds are a foundation for our future and provide for long-term vitality of our church. Church Invested Funds shall be managed prudently to provide growth of capital, protect against inflation, and provide a consistent payment stream to support the needs of the church. The distribution or payout rate of the Invested Funds shall be determined carefully so as not to limit the long-term growth prospects for the Funds nor limit the ability of the Funds to survive into perpetuity. Complete and accurate books of account for the Invested Funds shall be maintained by the Parish.

Any person or entity may give or bequeath money, property or assets to the Invested Funds. Assets and monies transferred to the Invested Funds shall be held, managed and invested by the Invested Funds Committee. The Church may borrow from the Invested Funds. The Invested Funds Committee will propose the amount of the loan, a repayment schedule, and a rate of interest (under most circumstances the market rate) to the Parish Committee, for approval by the voting members of the Church present at a meeting thereof.

The Invested Funds Committee shall:  
Establish and maintain an asset allocation to reflect and be consistent with the above Management of Invested Funds Guidelines. Establish a payout rate for the Invested funds. The payout rate should be based on expected investment returns, prudent management practices, changing market conditions and inflation expectations. ' Distribute income from that portion of the invested funds previously known as the South Scituate First Parish Fund, consistent with the historical method of maintaining individual fund accounts, to insure the integrity of the

purpose and intent of past bequests and gifts. Meet at least annually with the Parish Committee-approved investment advisory firm to review performance, including: achievement of established benchmarks, a level of liquidity adequate to assure availability of funds designated expendable; and appropriate adjustment of the portfolio.

Evaluate the current investment advisory firm every 5 years and recommend to the Parish Committee whether they should be retained.

Meet at least quarterly. The Invested Funds Committee shall report semiannually to the Finance Committee and Parish Committee and annually to the Parish at the Annual Parish Financial Meeting on the status of the Church Invested Funds, including: the Fund(s) value, any change in the asset allocation strategy, and the performance of the investment advisory firm.



## SHOUT OUT SUMMARIES

In case any recent Sunday worship services were missed, the Parish Committee would like to re-cap our pulpit “SHOUT OUT” recipients:

### Deanna Riley

April 5th marked the 20th anniversary of Deanna becoming a member at FPNUU! She is a valued member and a true “giver” to our church and community. Check out just some of what Deanna has done: member of Worship Committee; member and chair of Finance Committee (twice); member and chair of Membership Committee (developing our newcomer orientation); member, secretary, and chair of Parish Committee (twice); with the Minister and Clerk, developed our current Covenant; elected delegate/alternate delegate on the Denominational Affairs Committee at least a dozen times and represented FPNUU at five General Assemblies; worked in the Partakers/Prison

Ministry for 10 years; elected to the James Library Board of Trustees for 1 term; elected to Cedar Hill Retreat Center Board of Directors and has been Director for 7 years. We thank Deanna for these and her other numerous accomplishments, her service and for the terrific work she continues to do.

### James Library Board

They receive and expend fund income from our church, but the board oversees a separate budget, and raises funds independently. This FPN elected committee board meets once a month, typically handling a busy agenda dealing with programming, services and how to better serve the community. They are particularly busy this year with the large accessibility campaign and proposed upgrade to the historic building. There are nine members on this elected committee who are chosen by First Parish. Five currently serving on the board are members of our church: Meredith Atkinson, Nancy Fuller, Peg Carpenter, Sue Sulc and Shastin Garland. We thank the James Library Board for their time, attention, service & dedication to our church asset and valued neighbor.

### FPN Kids and Youth

We honor the children of this church. You play happily and fairly with someone half your age, and someone twice your age. You chat with someone 8 times your age. You laugh together in groups and include others. You say yes to chimes, to talent shows and to singing songs you can’t yet read. You ring the bell. You light our chalice. You know our covenant by heart. You are so very patient. You not only are open to BEING taught, you TEACH. You know already that the questions and wondering are sometimes more important than the answers. Speaking for the grown-ups here, some of us wish we had half your eagerness and a fraction of your energy and good ideas! You care for others here with your words and deeds. Your behavior at the coffee hour table is no worse and no better than most of the adults here. You welcome newcomers to the church. You do your best each and every Sunday. You love and are

patient with the adults even when we are still very much learning that “you and me are free to be, you and me.” You can spot an injustice a mile away. Some weeks, you get your parents to church when they have a long list of other things to do. You take age, race, neuro-diversity, political differences, gender, sexual orientation, and more, absolutely in stride. You have gentle hearts and tremendous sense of humor. You embody our UU principles beautifully and effortlessly. Thank you for all you do for our community. Please, take up all the space here you need.

Thank you for being unsung role models and heroes of our church. We will ALWAYS have time for you. We are SO lucky to have you and so are the future generations of this community. You are going to be the leaders of this church, this community and this big world someday. Go forth... and know that you ARE loved just for being you!

#### Community Dinner Organizers & Volunteers

We recognize and thank our organizers & volunteers of the new First Parish Community Dinner. Recently our CHALICE outreach initiated what we hope becomes a longstanding tradition, a free Community Dinner with the first one held on April 11th. By any measure it was a success with \$127 raised for local food pantries through the donations of 58 attendees. Many servings of lasagna, ice cream and brownies were enjoyed by all. By opening our doors, CHALICE has found a great way to share, listen, learn and be a part of the local community. Many thanks are extended to our three co-leaders: Jack Wallace, Marcia Babcock and Deborah Chase. Our volunteers, food donors & preparers were Scott Babcock, Betsey Detwiler, Betsey and David Drollett, Bob Gramarosa, Dave and Joyce Hockman, Joanne Howard, Peg Kitchenham, John McCann, Amanda Metzger, Jim Miller, Gabe Millins, Lorna Phillips, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry and David Turner. We thank everyone involved and are looking forward to another successful Community Dinner coming up on **Wednesday, May 9** at 5 pm.

#### Music Committee

On Music Sunday, it seemed more than appropriate to honor our First Parish Music Committee. This group secures, works with, and supports our Organist/Music Director, Giny Grimes. It provides a liaison among director, minister, choirs, Worship Committee, Parish Committee and church members. With the Music Director, this committee works to provide the best music program possible for the parish including music during regular church services, special holiday music for other services and the occasional inclusion of church member and/or professional musicians. How lucky are we that we are blessed in this historic Meetinghouse at every service with such beautiful music? We thank the entire Music Committee team, led by Chair, Marie Miller, our Musical Director, Giny Grimes, and members, Peg Carpenter, Roberta Fairbanks, David Turner, Lorna Phillips, Bernie Gardner, Dexter Robinson and Rev. Lise Adams Sherry. Thank you!!!

*Thank you again to all of the above. We very much would welcome your suggestions for future Shout Out recipients. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Parish Committee with your suggestions. Thank you.*

*To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart; to study hard; to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common- this is my symphony.*

*~William Ellery Channing*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

First Parish of Norwell is a religious community where adults, youth and children can evolve spiritually, morally, and intellectually through worship, education, and service to the community and the world. Recognizing no distinction of class, sex, nationality, race, age or sexual orientation, we are a welcoming congregation that stresses the need for community amidst the impersonality of the secular world. We unite to:

- Create a safe place in which to nurture our spirituality and celebrate life's passages.
- Provide a place where all persons are accepted and respected and can find mutual care and support.
- Welcome and gather strength from diversity.
- Sustain and promote Unitarian Universalist principles and purposes and participate in the larger fellowship of the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- Be a forum for the discussion of contemporary issues and a catalyst for social action.
- Support outreach to the community, to both children and adults, and through educational and artistic programs of both the performing and fine arts.

This mission is grounded in a nearly four hundred year history as a congregation.

## GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

Dinner and golf \$100 x No. \_\_\_\_\_ =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner only \$25 x No. \_\_\_\_\_ =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner choice:

Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Swordfish \_\_\_\_\_

Holes sponsored \$50 x No. \_\_\_\_\_ =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



**MAY 2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>9</p> <p>Community Dinner, PH &amp; FP 5 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 7-9 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Choir, Sky. 7:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="background-color: cyan; color: black; text-align: center;"><b>Committee Annual reports due to Hope 9 am</b></p> <p>Piano lessons, PH 2-5 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Climate Change Movie Night &amp; Potluck, PH 6 pm</p> 
<p>13</p> <p><b>Outreach Sunday</b></p> <p>Morning Service &amp; Church School 10 am</p> <p>Handbell Choir, Sky. 11:30 am</p>	<p>14</p> <p>AA, PH 8:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tai Chi, PH 9:15 am</p> <p>Knitters, FP 9:30 am</p> <p>Piano Lessons, Sky. 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 6-8 pm</p> <p>Parish Comm., FP 7 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>iSpi deadline, 9 am</p> <p>Piano Lessons, Sky. 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Caregivers' Support Grp., FP 7 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 7-9 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Piano lessons, PH 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Choir, Sky. 7:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Piano lessons, PH 2-5 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 6-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Scrapbookers, PH 8 am-9 pm</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Morning Service &amp; Church School 10 am</p> <p>Coffee Hour, PH 11 am</p> <p>Handbell Choir, Sky. 11:30 am</p> <p>Piano Recital, PH 4 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>AA, PH 8:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Tai Chi, PH 9:15 am</p> <p>Knitters, FP 9:30 am</p> <p>Piano Lessons, Sky. 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 6-8 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>iSpi deadline 9 am</p> <p>Piano Lessons, Sky. 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 7-9 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Piano lessons, PH 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Choir, Sky. 7:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Piano lessons, PH 2-5 pm</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Morning Service &amp; Church School 10 am</p> <p>Coffee Hour, PH 11 am</p> <p>Handbell Choir, Sky. 11:30 am</p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Memorial Day</i></p>  <p>AA, PH 8:30 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Preschool, PH 9 am-2 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi, Sky. 9:15 am</p> <p>Knitters, FP 9:30 am</p> <p>Piano Lessons, Sky. 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 6-8 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>iSpi deadline 9 am</p> <p>Preschool, PH 9:30-10:30 am</p> <p>Piano Lessons, Sky. 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Dancers, PH 7-9 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Piano lessons, PH 2:30-8 pm</p> <p>Choir, Sky. 7:30 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Piano lessons, 2-5 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Golf Tournament, Squirrel Hill 12:30 pm</p> <p>Dinner, PH (evening)</p> 