

The Spire

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See you this Sunday, September 13th at Homecoming Sunday!

The children will gather with their families in the Meetinghouse for the first part of the service before recessing to the Parish Hall for an **All-Church School** project.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

September 13: Homecoming Sunday - "Peak Moments" We "gather in hope, compassion and strength/Gather to celebrate once again" our beloved community and its call to love and to serve. In consideration of the fortieth anniversary of the lunar landing, we reflect on peak moments in human and individual achievement, and the inevitable valleys of the same.

September 20: "Arranged Marriage" Our Second Sunday offering will go to our Partner Church in Kadacs, Transylvania. Having recently been to Kadacs, Rev. Weinstein will speak about village life, the arranged marriage she almost made (she's exaggerating, but it got your attention!), and both the benefits and drawbacks of the American desire for *lots and lots of choices*

Caring and Sharing

Len Cole's Parkinson's disease has rapidly advanced. He was recently hospitalized and is expected to spend time in a rehabilitation hospital. Cards can be sent to: Len Cole, 2240 Wallace Ave., Aptos, CA 95003

A Service of Celebration and Remembrance was held for Ellie Fewkes on Friday, September 4 here at First Parish. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dick and their family.

The opening meeting for the Alliance will be on Wednesday, September 16, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall of the Church. Wendy Keeler will give a power-point presentation "Painting in Limoux." Wendy spent 2 weeks last September in Southern France watercolor painting and exploring the countryside on her bike and will share her experience with us. Be prepared for a unique culinary treat!! All members and friends of the Church are invited. Our Wednesday meetings start with refreshments at 10 a.m. followed by a short business meeting and program. We hope you will join us.

MEETINGS

Activities Committee: Sun., Sept. 13th at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Office

Service Committee: Sun., Sept. 20, 11:30 a.m. in the Fogg Parlor

Invested Funds Committee: Sun., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. in the Church Office

Worship Committee: Mon., Sept. 28, 7 p.m. in the Church Office

The First Parish Book Group will discuss *The Shack* by William P. Young on Wednesday, October the 7th at 7:00pm in the Fogg Parlor. This publishing phenomenon is a fascinating and controversial book sure to lead to a good discussion. Hope to see you there.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE HARVEST MOON DANCE !! The Music Committee is once again sponsoring a **Harvest Moon Dance** on Saturday, November 7th, 2009 from 7-10 PM in the Parish Hall. Roger and Claire Vaka, professional dancers, will instruct all participants in dance lessons, which include mambo, waltz, fox-trot, tango, rhumba, cha-cha, swing and more. The admission fee of \$15 will benefit the Organ Restoration project. Light refreshments will be served. All adults are welcome: singles, couples, triples. A partner is not necessary! Tickets can be purchased after church from members of the Music Committee.

The Deadline for the next hard-copy edition of The Spire is Sunday, September 20th

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