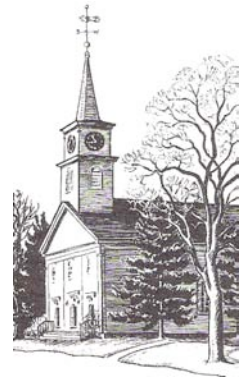


# The Spire

The Newsletter of the First Parish Church of Norwell, Massachusetts  
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Summer 2010

## Sunday Services – 10 a.m.

**August 29:**

*Rev. Victoria Weinstein*

### “What Do You Love?”

Bring a friend or newcomer to this Seeker’s Service, the last of our summer offerings. Alex Gordon will provide the music. Please join us in the Parish Hall for this special service.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND** No services

**September 12:**

*Rev. Victoria Weinstein*

### HOMECOMING SUNDAY “A Big ‘C’ Sense Of Church”

Welcome to our Homecoming Service. We celebrate our new program year with adults and children together, to make music, hear stories, and rejuvenate our commitment to being Church.

**September 19:**

*Rev. Victoria Weinstein*

### “Dignity And Responsibility”

In these days, when “spin” replaces repentance and damage control takes priority over sincere reconciliation, we take our cue from the Jewish High Holy Day of Yom Kippur and reflect on how repentance actually strengthens, rather than diminishes.



Ushers, pulpit arrangements and Coffee Hour hosts are needed!  
Volunteer today by calling the church office 781-659-7122  
or by signing up at Coffee Hour.

## "In the Spirit" Weinstein

The Rev. Victoria

The temporary communities of the summer are a wonderful part of many of our lives. They may be comprised of the people we see at the Cape every summer, or at Ferry Beach or Star Island (two lovely Unitarian Universalist retreat sites that I hope you will visit if you haven't yet!). Maybe your temporary summer community is your fellow campers, boaters, golfers, volunteers at the animal shelter where you have more time to give over the summer, the group of moms and dads you see every day at the park or every weekend at the beach, or the vendors at the farmer's market. Perhaps they're the crowd who always chooses the same spot for their blanket next to yours on the lawn where you listen to the free outdoor concerts, or the cast and crew who shared the experience of putting on a summer musical with you. It is always hard to pack up and say goodbye to these communities, but we know with each passing year that the experiences and relationships really do stay with us and enrich our lives even in absence.

Our church community used to disperse quite dramatically over the summer. When I began my ministry at First Parish in Norwell eight years ago, there were no summer services. Thanks to the noodging by Jackie Magazu and others, and thanks to the hard work and dedication of Stuart Twite who organized the monthly and then twice-monthly services, and to all of you who signed up to preach, to lead, to help, and now to convene the FAAF (Fresh Air and Fellowship) walks, our congregation is able to retain stronger ties year-round. Alex Gordon's generous offer to play the organ for our summer services added another dimension of beauty to those gatherings. We will gather for our Homecoming Service the weekend after Labor Day and renew the ties that bind, but how nice to know that so many of us have been in each other's company for fellowship and worship throughout the hot months.

I had a very late post-show dinner with a friend the other night, and we got into a discussion about theology, religion and Hell. For years, this dear man had been wondering about Hell and whether or not he would go there for the sins committed in his lifetime. He was fascinated and greatly heartened to hear about our Universalist tradition that rejects such dreadful threats, and I was profoundly grateful to be able to share our good news with him. Have you shared the good news of Unitarian Universalism with your friends lately? Why not bring them to church? For those who say they don't like organized religion, you can tell them that's fine; we all have our problems with it. What we do like, however, is community. In fact, we don't just like it - we need it. And chances are, so do they. Life in community is always a challenge and a risk, but life without it is much less rich and full.

"All our lives we are in need of each other, and others are in need of us."

In faith, hope and love,  
Rev. Vicki

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**Parish Committee-**

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Marie Miller,

Bob Neely, Sue Robinson

**Treasurer:** Marta Reese

**Minister Emeritus:**

Rev. Richard M. Fewkes

The **deadline** for the next issue of  
THE SPIRE is

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Submissions may be emailed as an  
attachment to:

[office@firstparishnorwell.org](mailto:office@firstparishnorwell.org), or

dropped off in hard copy  
or disk at the church office.

## Summer Schedule Change

There has been a change in our summer schedule: Betsy Gordon will lead a Fresh Air and Fellowship (FAAF) walk on August 22 and Rev. Vicki will be leading the last service of the summer on August 29. Thanks to all who led our summer worship services and our FAAF walks!!



## Caring Corner

Our healing prayers and love go out to **Carol Marsh** in Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The church extends its condolences to **Cindy Gallo-Casey** on the loss of her mother.

With fond memories and gratitude for their neighborly presence in the Kent House for so many years, we bid adieu to **Charlie and Phyllis Morgan** who have taken up residence in Duxbury.



## ALLIANCE NEWS

The Alliance of First Parish welcomes everyone in the Church (men too!) to its meetings. We meet usually on the third Wednesday of the month from September through May. Yearly dues are \$10 and may be paid at the September meeting or mailed to Shirley Bunnell, P. O. Box 188, Norwell MA 02061.

We welcome Deb Lenahan as our speaker on Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Deb will present photographs from her 8 day, 217 mile trip rafting the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon. Refreshments will be at 10 a.m. followed by a brief business meeting and then Deb's program. Hope to see many of you there. If you need a ride, we'll find someone to bring you. Call H. Keeler, 781 837-8248 for information. There will be a board meeting at Helen Keeler's house on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. Please bring a sandwich.



## Meetinghouse Organ Project Update

Since the last report to the Parish the organ builder has completed preparing 480 pipes for the Swell division (second keyboard). The wind chest for the Swell division is now operational and one set of pipes (harmonic flute) installed to test it. The

clarinet reed stop which was among the additional pipes purchased has been acquired and adjusted to work in our organ.

Several things have happened, however, which together have delayed the project. Due to a large organ moving project the voicer from Ohio has been unavailable this summer. He adjusts all the pipes so they sound correctly and consistent with one another. His limited availability over the next couple months will require him to make two trips here to complete the voicing. Also, it has been so hot this summer that the builder was only able to work for brief periods of time in the balcony. Finally, the builder found that one set of pipes purchased some time ago for the Swell division did not sound right for our organ. A replacement set of pipes have been acquired and prepared. The decision to purchase all of the additional stops has further delayed the project.

The complexity of this project has made it difficult if not impossible to predict exactly when it will be completed. Despite the work in progress, part of the organ is still playable. Those attending the summer services have enjoyed hearing Alex Gordon play the instrument. We are pleased with the work on the project so far and look forward to the completion of the organ.

Organ Committee:

Paul Coolidge

Bob Detwiler

Marie Miller

Dexter Robinson, Chair

## Schedule of Activities for 2010-2011

(All dates are Sat. unless otherwise noted.)

**Sunday, Oct. 3 Golf Tournament**

Chair: John Meddaugh

**Sat., Oct. 16 Circle Dinners**

Chairs: Linda Goodwin & Mary Mercier

**Sunday, Oct. 24 Fogg Lecture**

**Sat., Nov. 20 Harvest/Christmas Fair**

No Overall Chair -- Chairs of each area coordinate

**Jan. 29 Birthday Party & Potluck**

Chairs: Elizabeth & Thad Robey

**Feb. 27 Goods & Services Auction**  
Peg Kitchenham & Joanne Howard  
?? (early March or April or wait till next year)

**All Church Musical Program - or Costumed  
themed Dinner** Chair or Coordinator Sought

**Late March/early April Canvass Supper**

**Sun., April 24 Easter Breakfast**  
Chair: Mary Davis

**May ??? Family Bowling**  
Chairs: Les & Marlon Taylor

**May ? Spring Market**  
Chair: Bev Gardner

**May ? Spring Golf**  
Chair: John & Debi Meddaugh

**June 4 Circle Dinners**  
Chairs: Linda Goodwin & Mary Mercier

**June?? Men's Night at the Spit**  
Coordinator: Clayton Handleman

If you have suggestions for activities or corrections, call Peg Kitchenham, 781-447-5831 or e-mail [chrispegk@verizon.net](mailto:chrispegk@verizon.net).

**Office Reopening/  
Next Spire Issue**

The church issue will reopen with regular scheduled hours on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The next *Spire* deadline is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. That issue will be mailed on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES.**

If you haven't yet picked up your free copy of the new church photo directory, please do so during coffee hour once church resumes on September 12th. Please stop by the "Go To" table to find your copy."



**Food Pantry**

Items for donation to the Norwell Food Pantry can be placed in the grocery basket in the foyer or

can be brought to Town Hall where there is a drop box.

All contributions are appreciated.

# WALK A MILE...



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2010-2011 AT FIRST PARISH CHURCH,  
UNITARIAN

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## THE PRINCIPLES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

1. THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON;
2. JUSTICE, EQUITY AND COMPASSION IN HUMAN RELATIONS;
3. ACCEPTANCE OF ONE ANOTHER AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR CONGREGATIONS;
4. A FREE AND RESPONSIBLE SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND MEANING;
5. THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE AND THE USE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATIONS AND IN SOCIETY AT LARGE;
6. THE GOAL OF WORLD COMMUNITY WITH PEACE, LIBERTY, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL;
7. RESPECT FOR THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB OF ALL EXISTENCE OF WHICH WE ARE A PART.

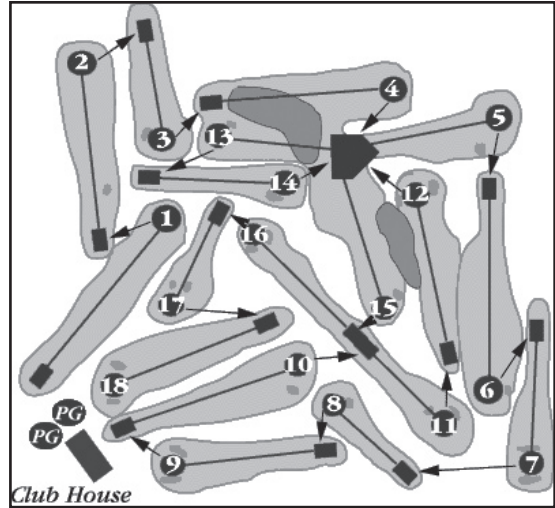
IT IS THE GOAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO FOSTER, NOURISH AND PROVIDE THE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES AND PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR BETTER LIVING SUCH A LIFE AS INDIVIDUALS, AND IN OUR LARGER WORLD.

ONE SUCH PRACTICE IS TO DEEPLY FOLLOW THE OLD ADAGE, "IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND ANOTHER PERSON, YOU MUST WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES." THOUGH WORDED IN DIFFERENT WAYS THROUGHOUT TIME AND IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT CULTURES, THE CALL TO "WALK A MILE" IS CENTRAL TO LIVING A FULL, COMPASSIONATE AND USEFUL LIFE.

WE WILL, THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR, EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN ALL "WALK A MILE" WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AS CLOSE AS OUR OWN HOUSEHOLD AND AROUND THIS ENTIRE WORLD.

## LET US ALL "WALK A MILE" TOGETHER AT FIRST PARISH CHURCH!

RE Everyday-the Religious Education Newsletter can be found at  
<http://reeveryday.blogspot.com>



**Don't Miss The Second Annual UU**

# Fall Classic Golf Tournament

## Rockland Golf Course

276 Plain Street, RTE 139, Rockland, MA 02370, 781.878.5836

Built in 1964, Rockland Golf Course is an executive-type 18 hole public facility, notably one of the longest par 54 layouts in America. Although each hole is a par 3, the course presents a challenge to even the most skilled golfer.

**Sunday, October 3rd**

Gather by 1:00. Tee Off at 1:30

\$90.00 per Golfer

Includes Golf and Dinner after at the Club. Best Ball Format.

## Corporate & Individual Hole Sponsors Needed.

100% of Hole Sponsorship Goes to First Parish Operating Budget! \$50 Per Hole.

Sign up with Deane Howard, Peter Fairbanks or John Meddaugh at coffee hour or send in your money to the church office.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12  <b>Homecoming Sunday</b> Morning Service Church School 10 a.m.  Coffee Hour 11 a.m.	13  AA, Parish Hall 8:30 p.m.	14  SSHAGLY Skylight Room 7-9 p.m.  Invested Funds Committee Fogg Parlor 7:30 p.m.  Finance Committee Church Office 7:15 p.m.	15  Alliance Meeting 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall	16  Choir Rehearsal Skylight Room 7:30 p.m.	17  Ballroom Dancers Parish Hall	18
19  SPIRE DEADLINE  Bible Study, Fogg Parlor 9 a.m.  Morning Service Church School 10 a.m.  Coffee Hour 11 a.m.	20  AA, Parish Hall 8:30 p.m.	21  SSHAGLY Skylight Room 7-9 p.m.  Parish Committee Fogg Parlor 7 p.m.	22	23  Choir Rehearsal Skylight Room 7:30 p.m.	24  Ballroom Dancers Parish Hall	25
26  Morning Service 10 a.m. Church School  Coffee Hour 11 a.m.	27  AA, Parish Hall 8:30 p.m.	28  SSHAGLY Skylight Room 7-9 p.m.	29	30  Choir Rehearsal Skylight Room 7:30 p.m.		

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## The James Library & Center for the Arts

### Summer News

Thanks to Marie Miller and Marcia Babcock for their help with Twilight Tales, our popular bedtime story series.

The James was recognized by state tourism officials as "One of the top 1,000 places to visit in Massachusetts". The James' selection was featured in articles in the Patriot Ledger and the Boston Globe.

Book circulation was up this summer. Whether this was due to the heat, our wider selection of books, or another factor, we were pleased to see lots of action at The James.

#### **Looking ahead**

-Mark your calendars for our Community Open House on October 29.

- Visit [www.jameslibrary.org](http://www.jameslibrary.org) after Labor Day for our complete schedule of 2010-2011 events and we hope to see you at The James this coming year!