



The Herald

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In the love of truth
and the spirit of Jesus,
we unite for the worship of God
and the service of humankind.*

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Minister's Musings

The journey of one thousand miles begins with the first step.

This month marks a turning point here at the First Church. With the vote at our Annual Meeting on May 1 to move ahead with Phase One of our revised Master Plan for renovating our building, we have all the sudden turned our minds from discussions and blueprints to logistics and boxes. There is a great deal that must occur in and around our building if we intend to commence a project on July 1.

It is once every 80 years or so that this church enters into this “mode” of behavior and activity. After all the last time we made a major modification to our property was 1926. That was the year that the First Church merged with the North Church in Salem and the combined churches decided to renovate the North Church building here on Essex Street (our current home). It was then that they excavated under the Meetinghouse, poured a new foundation and created Willson Hall. It was also when they razed a wood-framed building (called the Parish Hall) behind the Meetinghouse and built a two-story stucco addition in its place, including the Barnard and Cleveland Rooms on the first floor (i.e. what we use for Fellowship Hour) and the classrooms upstairs. And all this has served us admirably and well for the last 84 years.

In a very real sense, now it is our turn here in the 21st century, to make some very much needed improvements and updates. We wish to make the church universally accessible, we want to reduce our carbon footprint, and we seek to make alterations to our space that will accommodate our growing, progressive-minded community. With the construction of a small addition, we will have a new entrance and small elevator on the garden side of the building. We will also have larger and better program space and have the main office of the church crammed into what was an old bathroom. In addition, we will rip out our old oil-fired, steam heating system and install a new, high-efficiency hot water system in its place, cutting our emissions and heating costs by half and moving the church away from oil, something all of us will have to do sooner than later. Downstairs, we will be building some additional classroom space in Willson Hall, while upstairs the bathroom off the Cleveland Room will become universally accessible.

And all this begins now with the hard work and commitment of many church members and staff. I thank everyone who has helped us get to this point and I thank all of you for your support, work and good humor as we begin this project. There will undoubtedly be some temporary changes in our typical operations. (For example, for a period of time this summer and fall, we will be out of our religious home - stay tuned for details!) Even so, this is an exciting new chapter for our church that has long been a beacon for progressive religious thought and practice here in Salem. And the next leg in our journey begins now, with a lot of preparations and packing. Here's to a productive and energetic summer! See you in church,

Jeff



Sundays in June

June 5

Our annual **Church Picnic** follows the service. Chef Joe will once again be at the grill serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.



The rain date for the Picnic is Sunday, June 12.

June 19

Our annual RE Recognition Sunday. Come join us we honor our youths' accomplishments in the RE program over the past year.

June 26

Jeff Barz-Snell answers your questions from the pulpit with his annual **Question Box Sermon**. The box is in the Cleveland Room. Submit your question, mighty or minute, by Tuesday, June 21, then come on June 26 and hear what he has to say.



Some of the Salem High English Language Learner Students taking a break from reading to the kids to try on some different hats with the Henny Penny students. Read the **Henny Penny News** on page 5 to learn more!

Schedule of Events

June 1

⤴ RE Committee, 7pm

June 5

⤴ Sunday Service at 10:30 am, with choir
 ⤴ Church Picnic following service
 ⤴ Youth Group at 7 pm

June 7

⤴ Alliance Luncheon at noon

June 8

⤴ Lifebridge (Salem Mission) Dinner at 4:45 pm
 ⤴ Standing Committee at 7:15pm

June 12

⤴ Sunday Service at 10:30 am

June 14

⤴ Alliance luncheon, noon

June 17

⤴ Star Island Trip Registration Deadline

June 19 RE Sunday

⤴ Sunday Service at 10:30 am, with choir

June 21

⤴ Alliance Luncheon, noon

June 22

⤴ MPIC, 6:30pm

June 25

⤴ Lifebridge (Salem Mission) Dinner at 4:45 pm

June 26

⤴ Sunday Service at 10:30 am; Question Box Sermon

June 28

⤴ Alliance at noon

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>All Sunday Services begin at 10:30am</i>			1 - RE Cmte., 7pm	2	3	4
5 - Sunday Service, with choir - Church Picnic - Youth Group, 7pm	6	7 - Alliance, noon	8 - Lifebridge dinner, 4:45pm - Standing Cmte, 7pm	9	10	11
12 -Sunday Service,	13	14 - Alliance, noon	15	16	17 Star Island Trip Registration Deadline	18
19: Father's Day - RE Sunday Service, with choir	20	21 - Alliance, noon	22	23	24	25 - Lifebridge dinner, 4:45pm
26 ▲ Sunday Service Question Box Sermon	27	28 - Alliance, noon	29	30		

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

The steamship Thomas Leighton will leave Portsmouth on Sunday, July 17 at 9:25 a.m. for STAR ISLAND and a tour of the Isles of Shoals. We hope it will be filled with families, friends and other folks from First Church in Salem! The Thomas Leighton will return you to Portsmouth at 3:30 p.m.

This fun day will include a four-hour stop-over on Star Island where we'll have a chance to learn about the history of the island and the UU and UCC conferences that take place out there each summer. We'll also have lunch – either a picnic, or served to us by the staff at the island – and plenty of time to relax in a rocker, climb on the rocks, take pictures of the stunning scenery, or swim if you dare.

As you may know, the Star Island conference center has been owned and operated by a non-profit corporation “for religious, educational and kindred purposes” since 1916. The island itself is one of 9 rocky islands, the Isles of Shoals, lying nearly 10 miles southeast of the mouth of the Piscataqua River in New Hampshire.

If you've ever been curious about Star, maybe even thought of going to a conference, this will be a good introduction. And it will be nice to share a mid-summer outing with others from First Church in Salem.

The cost will be between \$30 and \$40 per person depending on age and the number of people in our group. It's free for children under 5. Don't let the price stop you from going - talk with Rev. Jeff for financial assistance. Deadline for registration is Friday, June 17.



From the Religious Education Director

Unitarian Universalist Summer Reading

Have you checked the UUA Bookstore lately? The books below, plus a few more, will be on display during June on the piano in the Cleveland room. Please come by and peruse the selection. Included are books for kids, parents and everyone in between. Be sure to check the UUA Bookstore for many more choices.

Happy Summer reading!
 Deb DiGiulio,
 Religious Education Director

FOR KIDS:

31 Ways to Change the World

Children have lots of ideas for changing the world -- and here are thirty-one fun and simple ways to get started. Ages 8-12

[Click here to order](#)



Journey for the Planet: A Kid's Five Week

***Adventure to Create an Earth-friendly Life* By David Gershon**

A kid's step-by-step 5 week program for kids to turn their love for the planet into effective action. This is a great book to use as a family summer project. Ages 4-8

[Click here to order](#)

***A Cup of Light: All About the Flaming Chalice* By Pamela Baxter**

Written for young children, the simple, direct language helps bring meaning to an intangible symbol. At the same time it also brings the symbol of the flaming chalice into context for adults.

[Click here to order](#)

***The Kids Book of Awesome Stuff* by Charlene Brotman**

Super fun mix of science and Unitarian Universalism for kids. Especially great for summer vacation with projects like a Bug Safari, worm watching, and "dead stuff that rots." This is like a backyard mini summer camp guide.

[Click here to order](#)



***A Lamp in Every Corner: Our Unitarian Universalist Storybook* by Janeen K. Grohsmeier**

Stories about our UU faith to share with children, great for bedtime story reading.

[Click here to order](#)

FOR ADULTS:

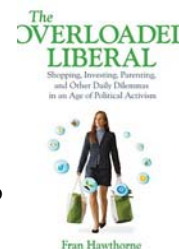
The Overloaded Liberal: Shopping, Investing, Parenting, and Other Daily Dilemmas in an Age of Political Activism

By Fran Hawthorne

Are you trying to live a simple low-impact life? Are you overwhelmed making choices on what to eat, wear, buy or invest in? Are you having trouble deciding between things like local or organic? Is it ever ok to shop the Big Box stores?

When we try to live according to our principles life can get complicated. This book can help!

[Click here to order](#)



The Incredible Story of Ephraim Nute: Scandal, Bloodshed and Unitarianism on the American Frontier

By Bobbie Groth

A young Unitarian minister and his congregation find themselves in the middle of an undeclared war over slavery in the Kansas territory in 1855.

[Click here to order](#)

ON UU PARENTING:

Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting

by Michelle Richards

This book is a guide to Unitarian Universalist parenting. This book shows how to incorporate spiritual practices in family life, how to teach the seven principles to different ages, and offers guidance answering the "big" questions kids always need to ask. *Tending the Flame* is a fabulous resource for UU families whether you were born into UUism or are brand new to the faith.

[Click here to order](#)



From the Music Director

Hi all. We made it through Easter and all its trimmings. I must say I was quite proud of our First Church Choir through all of the services. Weren't they great? We have 2 more choir Sundays ahead of us before the July hiatus when the work and planning really begin.

With a July 1 starting date for the Phase 1 construction project at First Church, this means, from the music point of view, that we need to work out details about services starting in August. At the moment, it looks like we will probably be hosted in August by the First Universalist Church down the street. Details will have to be discussed with First Universalist musicians.

Jumping ahead to Homecoming Sunday in September, lots of things will have to be ironed out. Will services continue at the First Universalist, and, if so, what time will be our service? What about choir Sundays? will music files need to be moved to the temporary facility? How will we coordinate both church schedules? I don't even want to think about RE's needs and plans, Henny Penny, and all the various meetings that take place from month to month. But won't the finished product be wonderful? Although things will be "status quo: confusion" for a pretty extended period.

First Church is entering a new era of church life, worship and activities, and it's all pretty exciting. Let's all join in this excitement, be patient with the work being done, and in the end, be grateful that we are all participating in the wonderful continuation of First Church into the 21st century and beyond.

See you in church, for remember that church is all of us wherever we are.

Paul Madore



From Henny Penny

Greetings All,

It has been a jam packed two months, filled with extra special events. Very recently, Henny Penny participated in Salem High School's "Unity Service Learning Project". This program is an instructional strategy that involves youth in the curriculum through service to their community. Through this innovative and student directed initiative, Henny Penny welcomed 12 English Language Learners from the High School to come and read children's books to the preschoolers. These books were purchased and donated by Henny Penny and provided to the students within Salem High ELL program to practice and rehearse, prior to reading them to our 3, 4 and 5 year olds. The high school students arrived by bus with Ms. Mary Kate Adams, a teacher from the high school and two high school seniors who have coordinated this project. The event culminated in an art project with the young adults, followed by donuts and juice. It was very well received, and hopefully something we will be able to continue in the future. To be truthful, it was hard to tell who was having more fun, the preschoolers or the high school English language learners!

Also this month, Henny Penny kids had a wonderful visit to Seed Stitch Yarn Shop. The children enjoyed a lovely walk downtown and listened intently as Miss Courtney shared an assortment of animal fur and wool with corresponding words and picture cards to match. Each child had the opportunity to turn wool into yarn. Take a moment to check out her web-site <http://www.seedstitchfineyarn.com/> a creatively designed site by Mr. Rob, Mazie's Dad!!! Lots of great things are happening at Seed & Stitch. Be sure to visit.



As our school year begins to wrap up, the Henny Penny kids, Barbara and myself, will be busy planning, organizing, and rehearsing for our play and graduation. This is a truly exciting time when the children work together to select the songs, plan the script, design and decorate the stage props, and create their own costumes. It is a wonderful celebration of the friendships, learning, and memories that have carried us throughout the year. Enjoy the sunny and warm days ahead with those you cherish.

Kerry and Barbara

From the Alliance

The Alliance continues its monthly lunch-and-learn sessions on Jewish Studies as related to Christian practices, from 12 –1 pm on Tuesdays.

Operations Troop Support is currently in need of powered drink mixes, such as Gatorade, lemonade, Kool Aid, Tang, and iced tea as well as suntan and skin lotion deodorant & foot powder. Please take to 16 Trinity Street, Danvers.

Donations Needed: Local homeless shelters are in great need of MEN'S clothing of any size and type including socks. Donations can be brought directly to Recycle for Hunger Thrift Shop, 26 Howley Street, Peabody, 978-854-5282 You may also give any donations to Charlene Long on Sundays, or leave them with Catherine during office hours.

A PLACE WHERE DREAMS ARE BORN:

Peter Pan and the Summer Solstice

I'm youth, I'm joy, I'm a little bird that has broken out of the egg!

--Peter Pan to Captain Hook

Shut in by Life like children in an old-fashioned nursery, we may only escape through the painted pictures of pirates and mermaids that adorn the walls of our kindly-meant but killing prison. Then, one fateful night, the dizzying air of Spring blows open our window, and a flying boy alights on the sill and beckons us to lift our eyes from the tame fires of home to the wild stars that lead to Never-Never Land with "Come away! Come away!"



No better personification of Midsummer (June 21st) could be found than Peter Pan, who is half Shakespeare's Puck and half an amalgam of five adventuresome boys befriended by Sir James Barrie. As does the Summer Solstice itself, Peter poises for one poignant moment between his land of eternal youth and our own real world, where the days--and those caught in them--will age, wane, and die.

Also like Peter, though, this time of year inspires us to remember how to fly, at least in our imaginations. To help us, the Fae are now at the height of their powers. Small wonder, perhaps, that Barrie and The Bard (both of whom were as much thaumaturge as dramaturge) each created for this unearthly season a play full of fairies--and fairies full of play.

Ultimately, as Captain Hook discovered, there's no escape from either the croc or the clock; the relentless tread of Fate and the ticking of Time measure out our mortality. Yet if we rise with Peter on the magickal wings of Midsummer, we each may hatch the spirit of youth and joy from the shell of our own brain "Pan"!

-ROSE WOLF

Meet the New Members

Courtney Davis has been a member of the Essex Street neighborhood since 1992. After attending Salem High School, she moved on to study English and Art History at Brown University in Providence, R.I. A study abroad experience during her undergraduate years inspired her to pursue a Master's degree from the Sotheby's Institute of Art in London, where she spent a great deal of time traveling Europe and learning about new cultures. Currently, she is the Assistant Head of the Children's Department and the Head of the Young Adult Department at the Salem Public Library. In her spare time, she enjoys reading (surprise!), playing the violin, traveling and writing.

Marlene D. Warner has lived in Salem since 2002. She grew up in Pennsylvania and New York in the Catholic faith. She went to Gettysburg College and studied Sociology and African-American Studies. Marlene met Jon Streff, her husband, at Gettysburg. After graduation, she moved to Washington, DC where she worked at American University, completed a MA in Women's Studies at George Washington University and worked in education and communications for the National Breast Cancer Coalition. In 2001, Marlene and Jon moved to Mass (Jon's home state); in the same year she used her non-profit experience to become Program Director at the Mass. Council on Compulsive Gambling. Since then, Marlene and Jon have had two wonderful boys: Owen and Cormac. And in March 2011, Marlene became Executive Director of the Mass. Council.

Marlene enjoys living by the ocean, exploring all of the sights and experiences in Salem, and working out at the YMCA. She has also bitten by the Mass. "sports teams bug"--Go Sox!

Around the Parish

Church member **Rebecca Hains** will be giving a vocal program with baritone **Thomas Hawkins** and our very own Musical Director **Paul Madore** accompanying, at the Salem Arts Festival on Friday June 3rd at the First Universalist Church at 8 PM. The Paul Madore Chorale will be singing the second program at 9 PM that evening (both free concerts as part of the Arts Festival. Other choir members involved in my group are **Kathleen Sharry**, **Margaret Duprez**, **Joanne Jonsson**, **Lynn Taggart**, **George Brandenburg**, and **Alan Hawryluk**.

Sally Holtzman is just completed her Masters degree in Special Education at Salem State University, after working full time and attending school part-time for several years. Congratulations to her and her family.

Natalie Jaeger just completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Simmons College in Boston. We congratulate her as well (and husband Jesse and their two kids!), after a long road of working full time and attending school part time.

Peter Andrew Copelas is off to South Africa to compete in the oldest ultra marathon in the world. For the last 80 years, this 56 mile event has been run annually. We wish him much luck - and ibuprofen.

Bill Henning was elected at this year's Annual Meeting as a Deacon of the First Church. There have been Deacons here since 1629 and we have records for their work going back to the 1650's. The Deacons of the Church assist the Minister in the "discharge of his or her pastoral duties" and act in some capacities as the guardians of the church's property and traditions. He will also be taking over as Treasurer.

The Annual Meeting, held May 1st, provided us with new Standing Committee members (see p.6). Included in the update are **Jamie Tanch** staying on as Moderator and **Kara McLaughlin** as Clerk.

Also on May 1st the Annual Walk for HAWC was held on a beautiful spring day with everyone in good spirits. Figures are still being tallied, but our team, UUWannaWalk, was one of the top three contenders raising between \$5,500 and \$6,500. The event as a whole raised on \$150,000. Congratulations to all involved!

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Announcements!

CCCUUA Convocation 2011

Amazing Grace:

The Love of God in the Lives we Lead

Sunday, June 5, 2011 @ 1:00 p.m.

First Parish Church

Boston Post Road

Weston, Massachusetts

Calling all Techno-Trash!

A green and white cardboard is sitting in the Barnard Room, hungry for all those techno wires and disks and bobbles that litter household drawers and basements. What to do with an old cell phone or disk drive or charger cord? Toss it in the Techno Trash box and we will mail it off to the Green Disk Corporation, who will process the waste in an environmentally responsible manner.

Note: this box is sponsored by Charlene Long. If you would like to help sponsor a future Techno-Trash box at the church, please speak with the Minister.

Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice Congregational Study/ Action Issue (CSAI) for 2008–2012

Every year the UUA selects an issue to study and discuss for the next three years at its national meeting, The General Assembly. The most recently selected Study Action / Issue is Ethical Eating.

Religious organizations throughout the world have discussed the production, distribution, and use of food. Some people enjoy many food choices while others remain hungry. The food industry produces wealth, but small farmers and farm workers are often poor. Food production and transportation contribute to many environmental problems.

All member UU churches are invited to participate in this national process. Copies of the Action and resources for discussion are available in the Barnard Room.



Around the Parish (continued)

On May 12 **Dr. Richard J. Hannah** closed his medical office in Salem after 39 years. He started in Salem in 1972 after medical school, training and Army service. He enjoyed his internal medicine practice, but he now has more time for his family (including seven grandchildren) and other pursuits.

From the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee oversees the day to day operations of the First Church and supports and coordinates the actions of the many committees that keep our spiritual home and its physical plant running. As the new chair of the Standing Committee, I greet you at an exciting time in the life of our church. There is so much happening here – from the extraordinary growth of our RE program to the approaching ground-breaking for the first phase of the Master Plan – and then there is also our rich every-day church life!

Exciting times tend to bring inevitable challenges to the resources of space, energy, and finances, so it's likely that Standing Committee will be deliberating those issues at length during this coming church year. Our congregation voted at annual meeting earlier this month to proceed with the Master Plan and to raise the funds to make the plan a reality; your Standing Committee is charged with making all that come about.

The Standing Committee members are your servants in all of this; please bring your thoughts, concerns, and questions to us. It is our goal to represent the interests of our community in all of our actions and deliberations, so please stay in touch with us!

Lynn Taggart, Chair
The Standing Committee

Standing Committee Members

George Brandenburg	Chris Granniss
Barbara Maitland	Peter Copelas, Jr.
Joan Hannah	Don Glover

From the Deacons

As a spokesman for the Deacons of the First Church, I would like everyone to know that at the Annual Meeting of the Deacons a few weeks ago the Deacons voted enthusiastically to support the MPIC Phase One Project.

The Deacons initiated the sale of the silver as a result of concern for the need for funds to maintain and update our venerable building. We had been band aiding for many years as the membership dwindled and our budget could not afford many needed upgrades. As far back as the 1970's, we have been confronted with the need for universal access. Many of us had been involved with the last Capitol Campaign, and realized that the money we could raise would not address the identified needs of the building. We had called a new young minister and were confident that a revitalization of our membership was going to happen. The need to prepare our facilities for this rejuvenation would require more money than we could generate without dipping into our endowment, thus the Deacons, after much consternation decided to sell the silver. At the 2006 Annual Meeting, the congregation voted to sell the pieces of silver recommended by the Deacons. In January of 2007, our silver was sold at Auction by Christies in New York. The money realized from the sale of the silver was less than Christies or we had hoped for but the money from this sale was designated by the Deacons to be used for Capitol improvements to the building. It is invested by the Trustees and Cabot with our other funds, but must be used for Capitol improvements with the approval of the Deacons.

I personally feel that the Deacons were prudent in their recommendation to sell the silver at this time and have provided the funds and encouragement for the MPIC. This committee has worked diligently to come up with a well thought out plan to prepare our building to serve us and generations to come. The Congregation should be proud of the vote taken at the Annual meeting to invest and support the MPIC Phase One Project.

Mimi Ballou

Master Plan Committee Update

Phase 1 Project Beginning This Summer Volunteers Needed!

Work is underway to prepare for the Phase 1 construction project that includes the new entry tower, heating system changeout, renovation of the first floor restroom, and several other features. The Standing Committee has delegated a Project Management Team to act as client on behalf of the church. That team of Peter A. Copelas, Bill Grover, and Jamie Tanch will be directly involved in negotiating the contracts, approving sub-contractors, approving materials selection and design changes, as well as tracking expenditures and reporting on progress.

While the PMT will be working directly on the project itself, there are many other areas of activity that are required to help us prepare for the project. These include (but are not limited to):

- packing and moving the admin office
- preparing the Cleveland and Barnard rooms for work
- preparing the classroom area
- preparing the Garden for incursion
- creating plans for church activities, RE, services during periods of displacement
- communicating project status to the congregation and our communities
- and many others

Volunteers are needed in all of these areas. If you have an interest, please let us know.

Also, we would like to emphasize that many decisions are yet to be made. There are a number of discussions going on now, and many possible alternatives are being considered for issues such as the occupancy of the church for services and the period of displacement of the RE program. A key near-term milestone in this process is the creation and acceptance by the church of a construction phasing plan which will allow us to understand clearly which areas of the building will be inaccessible and when. In the meantime, we ask for your patience while we process. We will do our best to communicate decisions and plans as they are made.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Palmer

From the Stewardship Committee

Year-to-Date Contributions: Through the 4th Sunday in May, the church has received the following in Member and Friend contributions as compared to 2009 and 2010:

2011: \$34,525 38% to our goal of \$90,000
 2010: \$34,894 41% of total 2010 giving of \$85,060
 2009: \$36,684 42% of total 2009 giving of \$87,500

As you can see, we are running a little behind last year and in order to meet our annual goal of \$90,000 we should have raised around \$37,500 by now. It is early in the year and with your help, this goal is still easily attainable.

Summer Giving: Even though you, your family and your friends may be taking a nice relaxing vacation this summer, the church's expenses will not. Please remember the church in your summer financial planning, especially during the month of July when we join the Universalist church for their services. Summer contributions help the Treasurer to avoid dipping into our rainy day funds to help pay for operating expenses. Thank you in advance for your help!

Giving Made Easy: Although The First Church is not necessarily an "early adopter" of new technology; there is a way that you can use readily available technology to help the church. By using the bill payment feature that is provided as a free service by many banks (usually as part of your personal online banking), you can send a contribution to the church on a regular basis at no cost. With a scheduled online bill payment, you help the church ease the "ups and downs" of cash flow by providing a more consistent stream of income. For you it means not having to find your checkbook or a giving envelope while you are rushing around trying to get ready for church on Sundays. We have several church members who already use this handy method of making contributions to the church. Give it a try and help both you and the church at the same time!

First Contribution Statement of 2011: Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive your individualized statement for contributions received through the 4th week of May. Please contact the church office (firstchurch@nii.net or 978-744-1551) if there is a discrepancy on your statement. Members of the church who have not completed a pledge for 2011 will also receive a blank pledge card with their statement. **It is never too late to submit your pledge!**

Committee Members: The Stewardship Committee is seeking new members to help with the very important work of our committee. If you are interested, please speak to one of the Stewardship Committee members listed below and we will be happy to tell you more about the work (and fun!) of this committee.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill Henning
 Robyn Knights-Giannopolo

Eric Kenney
 Steve Palmer

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Lifebridge (The Salem Mission)

Thanks to the following who signed up to volunteer to shop or to serve in April and May:

Alan Hanscom, Julia Channing, Mary Collari, Pete Nugent, Mike and Robyn Giannopolo and Alicia Diozzi.

Volunteers are needed on a monthly basis at Lifebridge (the Salem Mission). Members and friends of the First Church serve dinner twice a month—on the second Wednesday and on the fourth Saturday, 4:45–6:45 pm. You can help out by shopping, or serving dinner that night, or both—the choice is yours! Contact the church office at 978-744-1551/firstchurch@nii.net to volunteer, or see the sign up sheet in the Barnard Room during Fellowship hour.

Fellowship

Thanks to everyone who hosted Fellowship in May:

May 1: *Alicia Diozzi, Karen Veno*

May 8: *The Gentlemen of the First Church,*

May 15: *Lebzelter & Harten Family & Joan Hannah*

May 22: *The Schultz Family, Natalie Jaeger & Julia Bethman*

May 29: *Lynn & Ryan Donovan, Joe Perron*

A couple of Fellowship hosting opportunities are available for June, and it's not too soon to sign up for August - and beyond. Feel free to team up with one or a few others to make it fun!

Chalice Lighters and Readers

Thanks to those who served as Chalice Lighters and Readers during services in May:

May 1: *Jamie Tanch*

May 8: *Charlie Newball*

May 15: *Jeff Barz Snell*

May 22: *Mike Cluck*

May 29: *Max Burbank*

Flowers

Thanks to the following who donated flowers in the month of May:

The Newballs, Denise Kent & Mike Gibson, Chris Hansen-Mitev,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Flower Communion on May 22.

There are still opportunities for donations in June and it's not too early to sign up for August—and beyond. Special wording can be placed in our weekly Order of Service in honor or memory or a loved one, or to commemorate an important event. You can use the church florist for a cost of \$45, or bring your own creation. Arrangements can be simple or elaborate — the choice is yours! See the sign up sheet in The Barnard Room on Sundays during Fellowship, or contact the church office if you have questions: 978-744-1551/firstchurch@nii.net



Thank You!

Thanks to a Year's Worth of Fellowship Hosts

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all those who hosted Fellowship Hour for the past year. Your hospitality is an essential part of this congregation. This list is to the best of our knowledge based on the records we have, so if anyone's name is omitted, we apologize and hope you will let us know.

June 2010

Allen Towne
Rick Belejck
Kato Mele
Women of the First Church
Marc Perreault
Lloyd Holmes
Joe Perron

August 2010

Mary Krigbaum
Jennifer Barz-Snell
Chris Hansen-Mitev
Alicia Diozzi
Don Glover

September 2010

Rose Wolf
Mary Krigbaum
Lynn & Ryan Donovan
Kara McLoughlin
Shelley Thomas
The Fritz Family
The Jaeger Family

October 2010

The Fritz Family
The Jaeger Family
Katherine Palmer
Patti Roka
The Barz-Snells

November 2010

Joe & Mike Richard
The Localvore community
The Barz-Snell and Diozzi-Mascolo families

Lloyd Holmes

Bill Henning and Thomas Mac Donald
The Fritz family
The Granniss family
The Burbank family

December 2010

Lynn & Ryan Donovan
Rose Wolf
Peter A. Copelas
The Fritz Family
The Jaeger Family

January 2011

The Hannahs
The Schultz Family
Claire Donaldson
Mary Krigbaum
Tricia Pini
George Brandenburg
The Keenan Family
The Kares
Chris & Julie Anderson

February 2011

Jim Ognibene
Barbara Maitland
The Barz-Snell Family
The Fritz Family
The Palmer Family
Jeannine & David Helen
Lebzelter & Harten Family
Chris Hansen-Mitv
Mele Family

March 2011

Jim Maynard & Jim Singletary
Don Glover & Tommy Leon
Mary Collari
Sue Kirby
David Greenway
Peter Copelas, Jr
The Fritz Family
Sarah McCarthy
Charlene Long
Jamie Tanch
Marlen Warner-Streff
Liz Nungent

April 2011

Alicia Diozzi
Mimi Ballou
Donna Fritz
Susan Morgenstern
Chris Hansen-Mitev
Julie Anderson
Becky Hart
Denise Kent
Mary Krigbaum
Leanne Schild
John Ninneman
Lynn & Ryan Donovan
Claire Donaldson
Deborah Greel & John Wathne
Tricia Pini



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March with (UU) Pride

Boston's Gay Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, June 11 and the Mass Bay District of the UUA is inviting congregants to join the Mass Bay contingent. The Parade starts around noon, starting from Copley Square in Boston. Participants are asked to be ready to march by 11:30 am. Interested parties can email Meck Groot at cbd-mbd-programs@uua.org for more information. This year's theme is "**Equality. No More. No Less.**"



Church Picnic June 5 (Rain Date June 12)



Our annual **Church Picnic** follows the service on Sunday, June 5. Chef Joe will once again be at the grill serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Requested donation of \$4 per person and \$8 per family.

The rain date for the Picnic is Sunday, June 12.