



# The Herald

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I think the importance of doing activist work is precisely because it allows you to give back and to consider yourself not as a single individual who may have achieved whatever but to be a part of an ongoing historical movement.

~ ANGELA DAVIS

## Minister's Musings

*The best protection any woman can have... is courage.*

*~ Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1815-1902*

*Women's Right Activist, Abolitionist, Suffragist, Unitarian*

On Saturday, January 21 one of the largest protests in American history took place in 60 different cities around the country. The day after the inauguration of Donald Trump, over 500,000 people attended the Women's March in Washington. At the same time, marches were held in major cities all over the country including Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, (where over 700,000 showed up!). It is estimated that some 3.3 million people took part in protests all over the country, or 1% of the population.

I was so proud that several members of our own congregation travelled to Washington for the March, and another 50-60 of us attended the "yuge" gathering in Boston. I have never seen so many people on Boston Common. It was a remarkable site! Standing there with my daughter and many of you, I was humbled and amazed at the outpouring of support and good will on display. I thank everyone for sharing some of their photos from that afternoon. We created a slideshow and watched it after church on Jan 29. We will have it available to view during Fellowship Hour during the month of February.

Our country is heading in a surprising and unnerving direction in which the values of a corporate elite and conservative evangelicals hold sway. It is important that churches like ours and people like us step up and speak out with words informed by hope, kindness, intelligence and courage. We believe that our country and world need to move in a direction where all people's rights are respected and defended, regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation. We believe that our society and world need to heed science and reduce our carbon emissions and live more sustainably on this planet. We believe that our government has a place in helping people less fortunate, be it public schools, healthcare, and food and housing assistance when needed. And we believe that our religious beliefs and values call us to take these stands.

Walking around Boston Common with my daughter and many of you, I couldn't help but sense the connection to our history as a church and a larger movement. Lest we forget, it was people like us marching for the rights of women a century ago. Many of the leaders of the Suffragist and Women's Rights movements from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries were people who were a part of a church like ours. The more things change, the more they stay the same!

We have a busy month of engaging programs and fun activities, including Chocolate Sunday, "Family Fun Night," and a Revolutionary War Reenactment of Leslie's Retreat.

See you in Church,



## February Schedule of Events

### Thu, February 2

7:30pm Book Group, p. 51-100

### Sun, February 5

10:30am Service

After Church: Conversation Circles

12pm Fellowship Cmte Meeting

### Wed, February 8

7:15pm Standing Committee Meeting

### Sun, February 12

10:30am Service

Chocolate Sunday Fellowship

### Tue, February 14

12pm Lunch with the Pastor

### Thu, February 16

7:30pm Book Group, p. 101-150

### Sat, February 18

9am Choir Rehearsal

### Sun, February 19

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Service

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

### Thu, February 23

4pm Salem Pantry Bagging

### Fri, February 24

6pm Family Fun Night

### Sat, February 25

9am Salem Pantry Distribution

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

### Sun, February 26: Resistance Sunday!

10:30am Service

## Around the Parish

Many church members and friends participated in the Women's Marches held in Washington DC and Boston. Among the folks who travelled to DC were **Mary Collari, Liv Radue, Jessica Kane, Brenda Marean, Joan Hannah, Richard Hannah, Helen Sides, Mae Vicicca, and Jeanne Kempthorne.**

About 50-60 church members made the trip down to Boston for the March and protest. We requested photos from the Women's Marches in Boston and DC and assembled a slideshow that we watched as a group after

church on January 29. In addition, several people who attended the marches stood up and shared their reflections, including **Liv Radue, Jess Kane and Richard Hannah.** If you missed the slideshow, don't worry; we will have it available to stream on a laptop during Fellowship Hour during the month of February.

**Don Glover, Tommy Leon and "the Bobs"** are off on their annual February cruise this month. Please don't hate them for being tan when they come back!

Did you know that several church members are on the Board of Salem Academy? They include **Peter A. Copelas** and **Steve Palmer.** In addition Denise Granniss is a long-time English teacher at the school.

**Ben Waxman**, (the Vice-Chair of our Board), has recently received some national press for his company's analysis of the impacts of new immigration regulations on foreign exchange students applying to American Universities. Ben's company, Tessalliti, LLC, serves the marketing needs of companies and organizations in the Education and Healthcare sectors. [www.tessellati.com/](http://www.tessellati.com/)

**John Wathne** and his son **Gabe Wathne** were recently seen sneaking into the church on a dark night with welding equipment. They were able to weld and repair the steel dish washing table in the Basement Kitchen so that it no longer leaks! Thank you John and Gabe!

**Bill Henning** has officially stepped down as our Church Treasurer after six years of admirable and inimitable service. We are thankful for Deacon Henning's commitment and hard work. We are also grateful that **Bob Allen** has agreed to serve as our new Treasurer. He will complete Bill's one year term and then be nominated at the Annual Meeting in May for a new one-year term.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7:30pm Book Group	3	4
<b>5 Super Bowl</b> 10:30am Service Conversation Circles 12pm Fellowship Mtg	6	7	8 7:15pm Standing Cmte Meeting	9	10	11
<b>12</b> 10:30am Service Chocolate Sunday Fellowship	13	14 12pm Lunch with Pastor	15	16 7:30pm Book Group	17	18 9am Choir Rehearsal
<b>19</b> 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Choir Service 4:45pm Lifebridge	20	21	22	23 4pm Salem Pantry Bagging	24 6pm Family Fun Night	25 9am Salem Pantry Distribution 4:45pm Lifebridge
<b>26</b> 10:30am Service	27	28	29			







## Religious Education

How are we explaining the disappointing news coming out of Washington lately to our children? Our president is not nice; in fact we are seeing bullying, bashing and very bad behavior on the news every day. Children notice what is going on around them. I am sure all of you have had to answer questions as to how such behavior can be coming out of the highest office in the land.

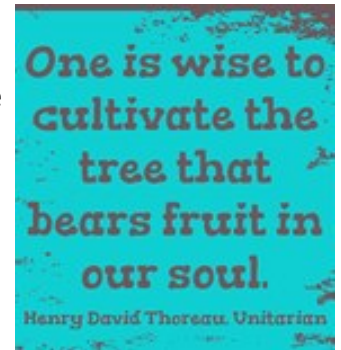
I do not have the answer. What I can tell you that now more than ever the values we hold and affirm as a community are important. In our homes and here at First Church we believe in acceptance, inclusion, and compassion. We teach that love wins eventually. We uphold the worth and dignity of every person.

We are addressing and these core values in all levels of Religious Education every Sunday with our children. In our K-1 group children are exploring the intangible gifts of love, forgiveness, friendship and fairness. Our Second and Third grade group is learning about our Unitarian Universalist Principles, beginning with "Each person is important". Grades 4-6 are looking at life's big questions, like where do I come from and how do I know what to believe. Our Coming of Age students are visiting other houses of worship to gain an understanding of how people other than Unitarian Universalist worship. It is true that one hour on Sunday mornings may not be an antidote to all the craziness in the news right now. But fairness, acceptance, inclusion and compassion are definitely the tools our children will need to build the future. Love wins.

Chocolate Sunday is February 12. What better way to celebrate Love than with some homemade chocolate confections? Fellowship hour will be dedicated to the ultimate chocolate bake sale hosted by the children. We have some very talented and creative bakers in our congregation – and maybe some friendly competition too! Please be sure to bake something special to donate to our bake sale and to purchase a baked goody or two as well. All proceeds (100%) will go to the social justice project the students will select in the next few weeks.

Family Fun Night is February 24th at 6:00pm. Our theme for this family gathering is Music! We will have karaoke, a sing along, and lots of other varieties of musical fun. We will serve pizza and enjoy the ever popular decorate your own cupcake for dessert. We hope to see you there.

In faith,  
Deb DiGiulio  
Director of Religious Education



### RE CALENDAR

2/12 Chocolate Sunday  
2/19 COA attend Catholic Mass 9:00am  
2/24 Family Fun Night  
3/5 COA meets  
3/12 Mentor Sunday  
3/19 COA  
3/26 COA  
4/2 Youth Sunday  
4/9 Mentor Sunday / Egg Dying  
4/16 Easter  
4/23 COA  
4/30 COA  
5/7 COA  
5/ 14 5/21 5/28 COA Faith Statement workshops  
5/21 Sundae Sunday  
6/4 COA service  
6/11 Religious Education Sunday and Bridging

## Henny Penny

January in Henny Penny means actively seeking new enrollments for the 2017-18 school year. We are excited to report our Tuesday & Thursday spaces are nearly filled, with only 4 spots remaining! For families in need of a 3-day schedule we have quite a few remaining spots. To accommodate families only needing 2-days we are offering limited Monday/Wednesday spaces. Please remember we cannot hold any spaces without the non-refundable tuition deposit (which is credited to the final tuition payment to Henny Penny). Typically, all spaces are filled by the end of March.



The increase in capacity granted by the Department of Early Education and Care last April has given us the ability to have a total of 39 children enrolled in the program. That is a record-breaking number for Henny Penny! Currently we are rethinking how we use our space, and hope to move a few things around to allow us to have as many as 45 children participate during the 2017-18 school year. Henny Penny is the last half-day mixed-aged preschool program we are aware of in Salem, and we hope to extend the opportunity to all families looking for half-days.

Ms. Aryella Saulnier joins Henny Penny for the Spring semester as an intern from North Shore Community College. She will spend 16 hours a week in the preschool to fulfill the hours requirement for her Field Placement I course. Aryella can be found in the classroom each weekday but Wednesday. It's always a treat to have extra hands, eyes and ears in the room, and allows us to provide the children with more meaningful learning experiences. We are honored the NSCC Early Childhood Education Program Coordinators have continued to select Henny Penny as a Cooperating Teacher site for their interns since Fall 2015.

The Henny Penny Teaching Team: Tricia Pini, Stacey Dupuis and Barbara Hermann

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## Stewardship Committee

### Mark Your Calendars!

Our annual Stewardship luncheon is coming up! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 12. We will share corned beef and all the fixings and vegetarian options. And we'll discuss the future of First Church and learn how we can all support the wonderful programs of our community.

If you've never been to our annual luncheon, you've missed out on some great food and fellowship, so join us! If you have lots of questions about the Stewardship Committee and our mission, then join us! And if you always come to the luncheon, then come again and bring someone who has never been.

The lunch will be held directly after church, in lieu of fellowship. Please plan on bringing a side, a dessert, or drinks (sodas, beer, or wine.) Sign ups will be circulating between soon.

Whether you come to the lunch, and regardless of how you support First Church, thank you for all that you do! Your contributions of time, talent and gifts help improve the lives of our members, friends, and neighbors throughout the year.

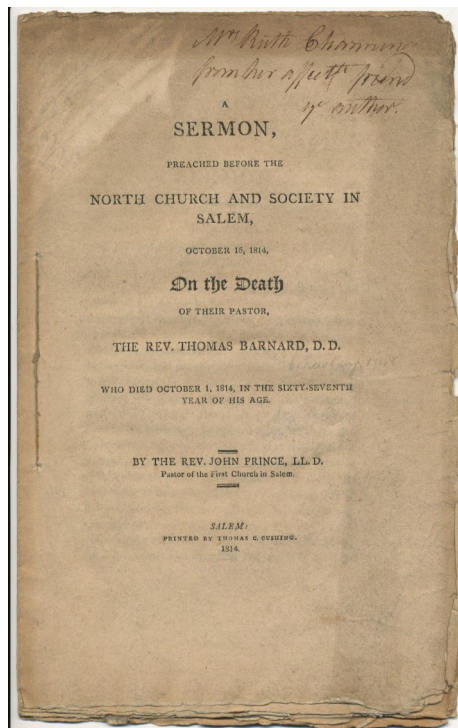
Sincerely,

Marlene Warner Tommy Leon, co-chairs

Jacob Barz-Snell, Alicia Diozzi, Bill Henning, Russell Lane, Lloyd Woodcock



## Archives Committee



You probably won't be surprised to learn that historical material about our church(es) continues to show up on eBay and elsewhere. From time to time, especially if we don't already have a particular item, we grab it! Right now in the Barnard Room, we have recent examples on display, including:

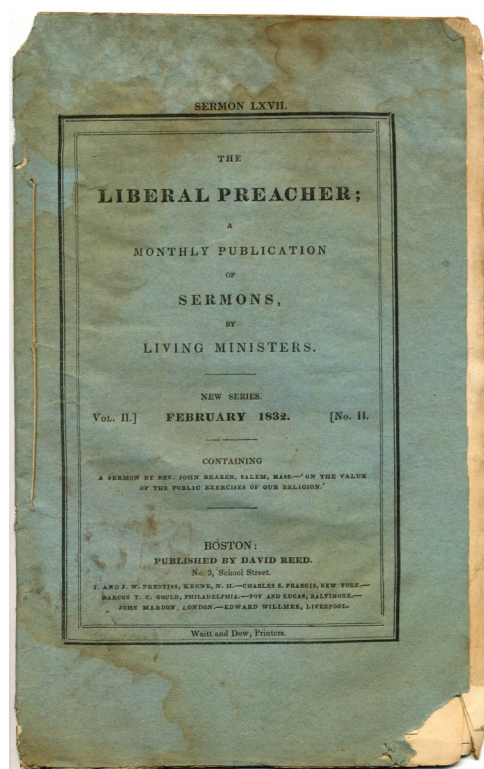
- 1814 sermon by Rev. John Prince (at First Church 1779-1836) on the life Rev. Thomas Barnard Jr. (at North Church 1772-1814)
- 1902 biography of Pastor Hugh Peter (at First Church, 1636-1641)
- 1893 sermon by Rev. Edmund B. Willson (at North Church 1859-1895) on the life of Henry Wheatland, M.D., a prominent church member
- 1884 book published on Rev. Willson's 25th anniversary at North Church
- 1847 sermon for the Autumnal Unitarian Convention held that year in Salem by Rev. George W. Briggs of the Plymouth, Mass. Unitarian Church
- 1832 sermon by Rev. John Brazer (North Church, 1820-1846) that's essentially a much longer 19th century version of Jeff's slogan "Unplug and Reconnect"
- Governing document of the Barton Square Church from 1884 (founded in 1824, merged with East Church to form Second Church in 1899, reunited with First Church in 1956)
- 1872 book published on the Cen-

tenary (100th) Anniversary of North Church

We invite you to join us in this ongoing collecting effort as you wander through antique stores, flea markets, bookshops—and your own attic?

We welcome all material, paper and otherwise, having to do with our member churches and Unitarianism and Universalism in Salem. (Please ask us for a copy of our collecting policy if you have questions.)

—Bonnie Hurd Smith, Archives Committee Chair, [bonnie@hurdsmith.com](mailto:bonnie@hurdsmith.com)



## The Church Needs...

- New wooden or granite benches in our Garden.
- Donations towards our Pew Cushion Reupholstering Fund.
- A new ping-pong table with a removable net for Willson Hall
- A 10 foot long, rectangular white or off white table cloth for the Cleveland Room.

If you're able to help with any of the above requests please contact the minister: [minister@firstchurchinsalem.org](mailto:minister@firstchurchinsalem.org).

Thank you!



## Standing Committee

### Happy February from the Standing Committee!

It has been a busy start to the New Year and we all seem to have renewed energy.

I want to start with giving thanks and recognizing the transition of our Treasurer position. On January 11<sup>th</sup> Bill Henning stepped down from his position as Treasurer. He has held that position for just over 6 years. Anyone who has looked at our financial reports, budgets or QuickBooks would quickly recognize Bill came at this “volunteer” position with a very high level of professional expertise and dedication. We have been tremendously fortunate to have his contribution of time and experience for these past several years. Prior to Bill’s position as Treasurer he was on the Standing Committee for 3 years with 2 of those years as the Standing Committee Chair. That is 9 years of a tremendous amount of volunteer time and dedication to the First Church. And if I got any of those numbers wrong I have no doubt Bill can provide us with the correct numbers, as he always has.

Please join me in thanking Bill for his outstanding work and contributions to the functioning of our church. Please take a moment to congratulate Bill (and no doubt Thomas) on his new found free time and to thank him for all his has contributed to the functioning of our church. Thank you Bill!

We are excited to welcome Bob Allen as our new treasurer a role he held in the past and we have tremendous confidence in his ability and easygoing nature to keep things running smoothly and to take the baton from Bill. We promise a peaceful transition of power. Please feel free to welcome him in his new role as our Treasurer!

The Willson Hall ad hoc task force met in January on the 22nd. We have an enthusiastic group and we are going to be reaching out to the committees and the congregation soon with information on how we will be moving forward. We are pursuing three parallel courses of action: refreshing the Master Plan, including an updated survey of use/programming, we will compile a comparative research on floor covering or treatment options and assemble a log of water incursion events with indicators of specific causes (e.g., water table rise, clogged downspouts, etc.).

Mary Collari, Chair of the Standing Committee

## LADY of LIGHT, LADY of LIFE: The Goddess Bride and The Feast of Imbolc

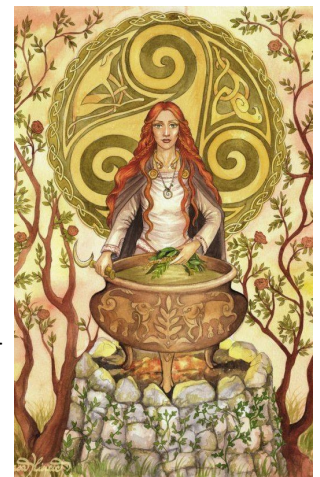
*Where shall we find her, how shall we sing to her,  
Fold our hands round her knees, and cling?  
O that our hearts were as fire and could spring to her--  
Fire, or the strength of the streams that spring!*

**-Algernon Charles Swinburne,**

### “When the Hounds of Spring are on Winter’s Traces”

The Sun/Son has been born anew to the world at Yule, but the landscape and all its creatures, including humankind, remain locked in the prison of Winter. His golden key will shortly release us from “durance vile,” yet, until that time, a wise and compassionate young Woman serves as our matron (or maid). She arrives with new light and life on February 2nd, Imbolc (IM-olk), or “In Milk.” For our physical illumination, she kindles candles against the season’s darkness; for our bodily nourishment she offers her own breast, even as she brings milk into the teats of the animals that have just borne their first young. For our spiritual enlightening, she gives the spark of inspiration; and for the sustenance of our hearts, she brings the wisdom of the ages. Thus filled and fed, we receive strength of body and soul to endure the remainder of winter. And who is our rescuer?

She is Bride (BREED), the ancient Celtic goddess who rules the fertility of Earth and its inhabitants. To men and women, she also imparts the light of illumination and inspiration. The early Christian Church found little difficulty in overlaying Bride with Brigid, a fifth-century Irish saint who is also associated with healing and teaching. The two share a common symbol of a four-armed figure made of woven straw. For the Goddess, this shape is the wheel of the Sun; for the Saint, a simple cross of the Son. Here’s a happy instance in which Christians and Pagans are at only the best “cross” purposes!



**--ROSE WOLF**



## Let your power go Green in 2017!

Be careful about those direct mail offers and solicitations offering cheap(er) electricity.

Constellation Energy and other providers will sell you the cheapest (and probably dirtiest - or most carbon intensive) source of power they can procure on the wholesale power market. It may be slightly less expensive electricity but it is almost always associated with more fossil fuel emissions than the "standard offering" here in Salem.

Just a reminder - residents of Salem now have their electricity come from a "greener source" as part of the City's Community Choice Aggregation Plan. The City signed a contract with a power provider to deliver to our residents a source of electricity that comes from 80% renewables, which is far better than what a low cost provider like Constellation Energy will provide. This means that if you do nothing, this is the electricity "product" your are buying each month. And that's fairly good.

However, there is a fairly easy way to choose to have your electricity come from 100% renewable sources. About 400 residents in Salem already have signed up for the New England Green Start program offered by **Mass Energy Consumers Alliance** (a non-profit). You can enroll to have 50 or 100% of your electricity come from wind and other renewable sources of power.

I have personally used the *GreenStart* program for 5 years and happily pay an extra 2.4 cents per kWh on my bill each month, knowing that my home's power needs are met by a mix of low impact hydropower and wind, solar and bio-mass generation. For my family, it works out to being an extra \$10-14 dollars a month on our power bill. And I use a lot of power with three kids - you should see our laundry !!

For more information on how to go fully Green in 2017, check out the Mass Energy Consumers Alliance website:

<https://www.massenergy.org/renewable-energy/national-grid>

By signing up for a program like this, you know for sure that the electricity you use in your home or office is coming from renewable sources, AND you can feel good that you are doing your part to support and stimulate the market for renewable energy here in New England.

Go Green in 2017!! Go Low or No Carbon with your power!

Jeff Barz-Snell

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## Dates to Note!

### February

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| Sun, Feb 5  | Super Bowl Sunday. Be counter-cultural and join us for church! Game jerseys and fan wear welcome.   |
| Sun, Feb 19 | The Rev. Art McDonald preaching as part of a pulpit exchange with the Universalist Church in Essex, MA  |
| Sun, Feb 26 | Resistance Sunday! Join us for a community wide reenactment of Leslie's Retreat, a famous event from the start of the Revolutionary War in which our church was involved, on February 26, 1775. |

### Coming in March

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| Fri, March 3  | Story Telling Slam, hosted by Lloyd Woodcock, Theme: New Beginnings... |
| Sun, March 5  | Guest Speaker: Well-known Storyteller and UU Tony Toledo               |
| Sun, March 12 | Our Annual Stewardship Luncheon, after church                          |



## Events and Goings on At and Around First Church

### *The Brookline Consort: Concert*

**Saturday, February 11 at 7:30pm; First Church, 316 Essex Street, Salem**

*The Brookline Consort* will present a concert Saturday, February 11 at 7:30pm entitled "Songs of Mid-Winter." The concert will feature two a cappella choral song cycles by Paul Hindemith and Julian Wachner, both using text of Rainer Maria Rilke. Taking inspiration for Rilke's poetry, the concert also includes "Hymn to St. Cecilia" by Benjamin Britten with text by W.H. Auden. A song cycle of Morten Lauridsen and an excerpt by Jonathan Dove round out the concert. The Brookline Consort is a 12-16 voice chamber choir made up of music professionals in and around the Brookline area dedicated to the performance of fine choral music in a chamber setting. Admission is \$10 by cash. More information is available at [www.thebrooklineconsort.org](http://www.thebrooklineconsort.org).

The  
Brookline  
Consort

### *Conversation Circles Continue*

**Sunday, February 12**



February 5, and 19 we continue our Conversation Circles after church. These small group discussions are held every other week after church for 15 minutes or so during Fellowship Hour (or at some other scheduled time). Each Circle is a space for people to be in conversation as they share information and ideas and express their fears, hopes, and resolve for our community, region and country.

Many of us suspect that we are about to live during a highly unusual set of social and political circumstances, perhaps even unprecedented in our nation's history, (at least recent history). Churches like ours, with capable, free-thinking and informed people in our midst, become more relevant at a time like this, not less.

### *Chocolate Sunday*

**Sunday, February 12**

On Sunday, Feb 12 join us for our Annual Chocolate Sunday enjoy delicious confections baked and made by friends and church members. Please be sure to donate a special treat and come ready to purchased some too! All goods should be wrapped and ready for sale. All proceeds will go to the Social Justice project the students will be selecting.



### *Chase the Chill*

Bring in winter items for this year's Scarf, Mitten, and Hat Drive! Items can be left in the hallway behind the Cleveland Room.



## Events and Goings on At and Around First Church

### Wintertime Book Group

**Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance

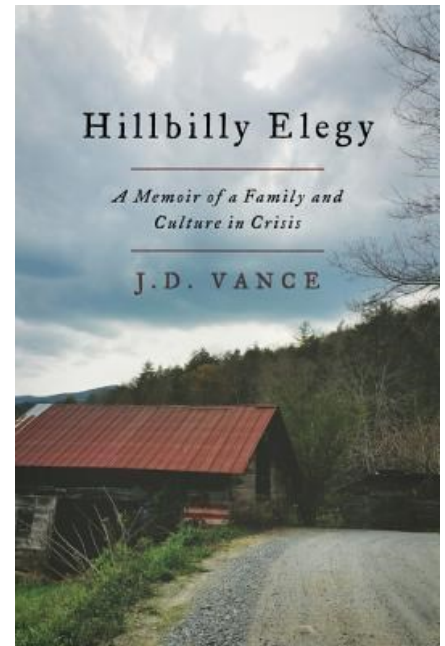
**Continues Feb 2 and 16, 7:30pm\***

**\*Will meet every other Thursday at 7:30 pm**

Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.

A deeply moving memoir with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, Hillbilly Elegy is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.

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## MYSTIC GOSPEL

MYSTIC CHORALE  
LED BY DONNELL PATTERSON

Saturday, February 25, 2017 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 26, 2017 3:30 pm

Converse Hall, Tremont Temple  
88 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

\$18 general admission

For information or tickets (781) 316-2500

[www.mysticchorale.org](http://www.mysticchorale.org) [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

### Annual First Church Yard Sale

Sat, April 29

It's not too early to start thinking about our Yard Sale in April. We are starting to accept donated items for sale. Any questions? Please speak with our "Master of the Sale," Mr. Peter Eschauzier.



## *Get Involved/Thank You!!!*

### *Lifebridge Dinner Team*

**Next Dinners: Sun, Feb 19 and Sat, Feb 25 at 4:45pm**

The Lifebridge teams of the First Church serve dinners at 56 Margin Street on the third Sunday and the fourth Saturday of every month

There are THREE ways you can sign up to help; the easiest is to just use the sign-up sheet in the Barnard Room. Alternatively, you can always join our Facebook page, or send an email to Alan Hanscom (alanh1954@gmail.com) to be put on the email list.

Thank you to our January volunteers: Holly Chase, Peter A. Copelas, Paul Marquis & Doreen Beauregard, Donna, Sophia, & Jake Frtiz, John Ninneman & Elise Voss, Amanda Roeder, Stacia Woodcock and Victor Young.



### *Fellowship Committee*

**Fellowship Committee meeting February 5th right after fellowship.**

Do you enjoy working with food? Do you like helping others feel comfortable in the kitchen? The Fellowship committee is in need of a few more members, if your interested, we encourage you to stop by and see what the committee is all about.



We missed thanking Maria Voss and John Ninneman for hosting the kids table last month, thank you! We were short on hosts in January, thank you to everyone who brought an item in for community fellowship and our last minute call for help one Sunday.

Thank you to our January hosts Mary Krigbaum, Kate Dulmage, and

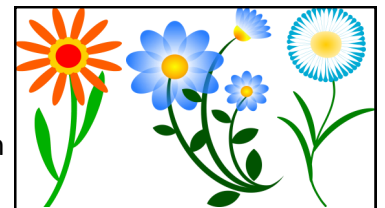
We have several hosting openings in February and March if you would like to host Fellowship, see check out the on-line signup genius or the clipboard in the Barnard room. If you would like to co-host but want help finding someone to host with, email Donna at [dlhayes44@hotmail.com](mailto:dlhayes44@hotmail.com)

See you for tea and coffee at First Church!

Donna Fritz, Chris Finn, Stephanie Diozzi and Chris ane Hansen-Mitev

### *Meeting House Flowers*

Each Sunday we provide fresh flowers on the altar table in the Meeting House. Members and friends can sign up to either provide or have flowers ordered in honor of or memory of an event or loved one. Sign ups are available on the Barnard Room table. The Garden Committee's "Altar to Garden" program will be on hiatus until March. However, they can do an elegant arrangement of a single blooming stem with greenery, and then the money saved will be gratefully put to excellent use in the garden budget. All options are \$45 and checks can be made payable to First Church.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Minister:* Reverend Jeffrey Barz-Snell

*Interim Director of Music:* Don Glover

*Director of Henny Penny:* Tricia Pini

*Director of Religious Education:* Deb DiGiulio

*Administrator:* Catherine Bertrand

*Sexton:* Bill McCarthy

*Chair of the Standing Committee:* Mary Collari

*Chair of the Deacons:* Mimi Ballou



## ***Reenactment and Celebration of Leslie's Retreat***

### **February 26: Come be a part of the Resistance!**

The service on Sun, Feb 26 will be a community-wide commemoration of Leslie's Retreat, cosponsored by First Church, Historic Salem and the Federal Street Neighborhood Assoc. There is going to be a reenactment of the famous event from Feb 26, 1775 immediately following church during which Rev. Jeff will play his predecessor from the time of the Revolutionary War, the Rev. Thomas Barnard, Jr. After the reenactment outside, there will be an early afternoon reception and celebration back here at the church with people in period costume. Join us for what should be very Salem and very fun morning of events.



#### **Background on Leslie's Retreat:**

On Feb. 26, 1775, the first armed resistance by the colonies to British authority occurred here in Salem at the North Bridge. When reports that a cannon and ammunition had been hidden in North Fields, (now North Salem) General Gage sent Colonel Leslie and 300 British soldiers from Boston to Marblehead by ship. The citizens of Salem had been forewarned of the approaching British forces gathered at the North Bridge and raised the draw. What might have been the first battle of the Revolutionary War was averted because of a compromise that was made by Colonel Timothy Pickering and Colonel David Mason of the local militia and Colonel Leslie. Rev. Thomas Barnard of the North Church helped bring about the compromise.