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**ANNUAL PICNIC
POSTPONED TO
SUNDAY JUNE 11**

Kindness in words
creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking
creates profound-
ness. Kindness in
giving creates love.

- Lao Tzu

Minister's Musings

The great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own; Not to make them see with our eyes, but to look inquiringly and steadily with their own; Not to impose religion upon them in the form of arbitrary rules, but to awaken the conscience, the moral discernment; In a word, the great end is to awaken the soul, to excite and cherish spiritual life." ~ The Rev. William Ellery Channing, 1837

I have now been privileged to serve as the minister of this church for 18 years. Typically I don't measure this period by years but by lives. Like many of you I track my life through the moments and milestones of my children. My oldest son was born just a few months after we arrived here in Salem and he now is 18 years old and just graduated from high school. I want to thank you the members of this congregation for being such a loving and supportive church community for my kids and for all the children in our midst.

I am a big believer in the vital role a community like ours can play in the life of children and youth. I myself participated in a liberal minded congregation when I was in high school and college. Those experiences in youth group and working with older members of the congregation inspired me to become a better person and helped me realize the importance of goodness and decency in this life. In the words of William Ellery Channing above, it helped me "awaken my own soul."

When I started in Salem, I set out with a long-term plan to build a program for children and youth that would be worthy of their time on Sunday mornings, one that would show, not just tell, the value and importance of community, of practicing being good and cultivating soul, all while having a good time! This is not always easy to do here in the 21st century with families who have increasingly busy schedules and a culture that increasingly looks askance at organized religion. But persisted we have over the years.

Our church has a long history of nurturing children and cultivating soul. The woman who introduced kindergarten to the United States in the 1870's, the Unitarian activist and writer Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, grew up in this congregation along with her two well-known sisters. We have one of the longest running pre-school programs in whole state, Henny Penny Nursery School. And we have this great program on Sunday mornings led by our own Deb DiGuilio, who puts her heart and soul into it each Sunday. However, it's not just Deb, but rather all of us who make this such a good program. The longer I do this the more I realize that it is not just in our programs but in our interactions that a real religious education takes place. We are a community where people of different ages and backgrounds are able to get to know one another and make friends, and souls grow best in friendship.

During the first two Sundays in June we will celebrate our youth and children, first with our Coming of Age Ceremony and then on Religious Education Sunday. I invite you all to join us for the presentations and celebrations. Thank you for all you do. See you in church.



June Schedule of Events

Thu, June 1

7pm Coming of Age Dinner

Sat, June 3

9am Choir Rehearsal

Sun, June 4

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Coming of Age Service

Fri, June 9

5pm Henny Penny End of Year Celebration

Sun, June 11 RE Sunday and Bridging

10:30am Service

Annual Picnic to follow service [Postponed from June 4]

Tue, June 13

12pm Lunch with the Pastor, brown bag

7:15pm Standing Committee Mtg

Fri, June 16

6:30pm Women's Health Initiatives Presentation

Sat, June 17

9am Choir Rehearsal

Salem Literary Festival

Sun, June 18

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Annual Question Box Service

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

Wed, June 21

UUA General Assembly Begins: New Orleans

Thu, June 22

4pm Salem Pantry Bagging

Sat, June 24

9am Salem Pantry Distribution

12pm North Shore Pride Parade

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

Sun, June 25

10:30am Final Service of the church year

UUA General Assembly Concludes

Around the Parish

Graduating from college this season: **Theodora Burbank** from Smith College, **Gianna DiGuilio** from Salem State University, **Andrew Truong** from the College of the Holy Cross, and **Hannah Palmer** from the University of Edinburgh. Theo is moving to Phoenix, Arizona in September for a graduate program in Forensic Anthropology. (She's working in a "bone lab.") Gianna has already begun work at a public relations firm in Boston where she had completed an internship this spring. Stay tuned for updates on Andrew and Hannah.

College acceptances abound for some of our youth. **Julia Rose Channing** (daughter of Mary Collari) will be attending Fairfield University in Connecticut in the fall. She plans to study nursing. **Jacob Barz-Snell** is heading towards Washington D.C for a program at American University. **Adam Truong** graduated from Peabody High School and is will be starting an apprenticeship. **Lillian Waxman** is heading off the Salem State in the fall. **Mae Viccica** graduates from Hamilton Wenham HS in June and is attending Barnard College.

General Assembly, the national meeting of the UUA, will be June 21-25 in New Orleans this year. Attending as voting delegates of the First Church this year will be **Jerrie Hildebrand** and **Jeff Barz-Snell**. **Claire Donaldson** and **Helen Jacoby** will serve as "remote delegates." This year is a "big GA," since we are electing a new President of our Association. There are three candidates running. You can find out more information about General Assembly and the UUA Presidential election [here](https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/president): <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/president>.

The First Church held its 388th Annual Meeting on May 7. We welcomed four new members and elected three people to serve on our nine member board. They are **Helen Jacoby**, **Nathan Chio** and **Brenda Marean**. **Mary Collari** stepped down as our very capable Chair of the Standing Committee and **Ben Waxman** is our new Chair. (See Ben's article in this issue). We thank them all for their service and willingness to help guide and steer our community.

Recently the church formed an ad hoc Search Committee for the Music Director's position. Don Glover is planning to step down this summer and pass the baton on to a new Director. We are so very grateful for Don's contributions, energy, talent and good humor over this last year, serving as our Interim Director of Music. The Search Committee is comprised of eight church members including: Ellen Brandenburg, Peter A. Copelas, Don Glover, Rebecca Hains, Richard L'Heureux, Tiffany Magnolia, Patti Roka, and Stacia Woodcock. The Committee is hard at work evaluating resumes and candidates. Stay tuned!

Jaime Tanch recently conducted larger than expected plumbing work in May as an active member of our Property Committee. One of our outdoor water faucets had a leak that required cutting and digging into an old wall and replacing a section of copper pipe. Who knew the man could sweat joints!? We thank Deacon Tanch for his service. That faucet supports much of the fine work being done by our Garden Committee around the property.

Rumor has it that the **Paul Madore Chorale's May concert** was very well done. Performing at the First Parish in Beverly the choral group was in good form and voice. Kate Flood was one of the soloists and by all accounts did a great job.

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18 Father's Day 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Annual Question Box Service 4:45pm Lifebridge	19	20	21 UUA General Assembly Begins	22 4pm Salem Pantry Bagging	23	24 9am Salem Pantry Distribution 12pm North Shore Pride Parade 4:45pm Lifebridge
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March with First Church in the North Shore Pride Parade!

Saturday, June 24 at 12pm

Join us for the sixth annual North Shore Pride Parade and Festival! The parade kicks off in front of the Post Office on Margin St. and there will be plenty of great spots to view the marching groups along the route with our Grand Marshal Pulse Orlando survivor Christopher Hansen, before we descend upon Salem Common for tons of fun at the festival. There will be tons of vendor tables to stop by, delicious food trucks and tasty beverages to satiate your appetites and some show-stopping live performances that the whole family will enjoy!

MARCH WITH FIRST CHURCH! The parade will take place in Salem, We will gather in front of the Post Office on Margin St. to start. The parade will then turn right on Norman St. and heading down New Derby. It will continue to Derby St. and onto Hawthorne Boulevard where it will end up on Salem Common, where the Pride festival will follow!

Parade registration starts at 10 a.m. and the Parade kicks off at noon!

To march with First Church contact Rev. Barz-Snell at minis-ter@firstchurchinsalem.org or call the office.

NORTH SHORE
PRIDE
BUILDING COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE





Views From the Garden

The church gardens have exploded with the vitality of spring. At every season we see the evidence of the community effort to make the gardens more welcoming, and at this time of year we have many to thank.

The process of preparing and planting the berms facing Essex Street has been a perfect example of the way our church comes together to take on large projects. Mark Stevens, along with Chris Finn and Mike Giaque, have now roto-tilled the earth twice, and Mark has taken on the task of identifying and adding the correct amendments to the soil. Thus far we have planted seventeen ground cover junipers while we anxiously await the arrival of our specimen cherry tree and the 15 red twig dogwood shrubs that will complete the display. Steve Palmer, Joanne Jonsson, Joann Augeri Silva, Mary Collari, Chris Finn, Brenda Marean, Duncan Cox, Jan Eschauzier, Mike Giaque, and Lynn Taggart not only planted, but mulched all of the garden beds on a Saturday morning.

As the weather turns warmer, it will be time to re-plant the containers at all of the entrances, and we will continue to transplant “strays and volunteers” to better homes. Much of our activity from here through the beginning of the new church year in September begins to fit into a rhythm of weeding, watering pots and new plants, edging, and maintenance. We’ve also agreed to be the registration location for the Salem garden stroll on July 8, so we’ll be trying to keep everything in especially good order even though church will not be in session.

We’ll be sending out information on a planting session as soon as the new shrubs arrive. If you would like to support this effort by honoring a loved one, we would happily accept your donation toward the cost of the shrubbery. Each dogwood comes at a cost of \$80, but contributions in any amount will be ever so welcome.

A few short years ago the lower garden was a construction wasteland, and many of you contributed funds and back-breaking labor to begin to make it a garden again. Please take a walk through our grounds soon and see how the shrubs have grown, the “passalong” plants have filled in, and the perennials from the “Altar to Garden” program have rooted to become a visual representation of the spirit of giving that is the hallmark of the people that make First Church such a beautiful place.

Your Garden Committee Co-chairs,
Jan Eschauzier, Mary Collari, and Lynn Taggart

Standing Committee

Greetings. This month’s theme from Standing Committee is “thoughtful deliberation.”

As we look to our next fiscal year, Standing Committee (the First Church Board of Directors), is reviewing the proposed budget for next year’s operations. Every Church Committee has submitted thoughtful figures that will support their planned activities. The HR, Finance and Stewardship Committees have carefully evaluated what is possible and what is realistic for the year ahead from a financial point of view.

Sounds boring? Perhaps, but these financial deliberations are really meaningful to the good things we are planning to bring to our community. From Lifebridge dinners, to Family Promise housing, to community building lectures, to environmental advocacy – your Standing Committee gives all of these activities, and more, careful, thoughtful deliberation.

As we move forward into the next year, our 389th year!, Standing Committee would like all Church Members to know that we are open to your feedback and seek your support and understanding. Some things we discuss at our meetings are pretty straight forward. Others are quite thorny.

Please know that everything we discuss at our monthly meetings goes through a very thoughtful and deliberative process. Perhaps as UUs, we really don’t know how to do this any other way. And as UUs, our meetings inevitably end up exploring larger issues that we are all curious about, from big picture national advocacy to individual personal growth. It all comes out. In each meeting.

So perhaps, as UUs, that’s why our meetings always go far beyond the allotted time. Turns out, we actually enjoy meeting with each other. And we enjoy the thoughtful, deliberative process. (Plus we have snacks.)

Ben Waxman
Chair, Standing Committee



Religious Education

June is a very special month for our Religious Education program. This year we will celebrate our eight Coming of Age students. These students, under the expert guidance of their teacher Denise Granniss, have spent the year learning, questioning, exploring and reflecting on Faith. What is? Where does it come from? What forms does it take? And most importantly, what do I believe.

What do I believe? On Sunday, June 4 the congregation will have the opportunity to hear each Coming of Age student's response to this very question. The responses will be as interesting and varied as are our students. Perhaps students will express faith through art or music, maybe a speech. As adult members of this vibrant congregation we can sit back and watch with amazement and awe as our children share with us their personal explorations toward faith. How much will each of us be reminded of our own continuing search for meaning?

How many will feel renewed and refreshed in our own faith? How will we reflect on our own journeys? And most important of all, how blessed are we to have these young wonders among us sharing their faith!

Please be sure to experience the service on June 4 as our students Sarah Cayouette-Gluckman, Rebecca Truong, Leah Barz- Snell, Eli Brandt, Erin Keenan, Samantha Truong, Sarah Cox, and Nora Waxman Come of Age. Congratulations to students and parents.

June 11 is Religious Education Sunday and Bridging. This is the day we celebrate each child's accomplishments for the past year. Each child, no matter how small or new to our congregation, will get a book and a geranium, as has been the tradition here at First Church for very many years. This is also the Sunday that we celebrate the graduation or "Bridging" of our High School seniors. Congratulations to Lillian Waxman, Adam Truong, Julia Channing and Jacob Barz-Snell and to their very proud families!

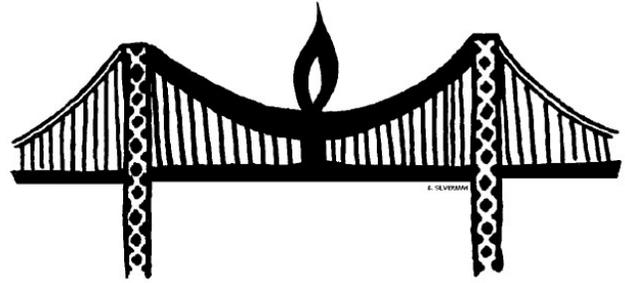
Our RE Social Justice undertaking this year will be awarded jointly to the Plummer Youth Promise and to The House of Seven Gables Settlement. Our students chose these two worthy organizations both for the great work they do in our community and for their connection to or theme this year, First Church Heroes. These two organizations were both begun by members of this church, Caroline Emmerton for the Gables and Caroline Plummer for Plummer Youth Promise. We are also lucky enough to have several members from each establishment currently in our congregation.

On June 18th RE students and families will have the chance to visit the House of Seven Gables and see firsthand the preservation work and community service done by this establishment.

While we will not visit Plummer Youth Promise as a group, I encourage families to find ways to explore on their own. Paddle for Plummer on July 8 is an exciting event that affords many opportunities to help; <https://plummeryouthpromise.org/get-involved/paddle-for-plummer/>

I wish you all the joy of family this summer,

Deb DiGiulio, Director of Religious Education



Archives Committee

On the afternoon of June 25, 1914, fifteen-year-old Bertram Kimball Little climbed to the roof of his family home and took photographs of what he saw with his "Brownie." He watched the devastation for three hours. Bertram's father was David Mason Little (1860–1923), a Spanish-American War and World War I veteran, former Mayor of Salem, naval architect, sustaining member of the Essex Institute, one-time collector of the ports of Salem and Beverly (appointed by President Taft), proprietor of the (Unitarian) North Meeting House (today, First Church in Salem, UU), and a descendant of Col. David Mason of "Leslie's Retreat" fame.

Salem officials quickly appointed David Little to head the City's Fire Relief Committee, but Little also helped those in need on his own. According to his obituary in the Salem Evening News: "He did splendid service in relief work following the Salem conflagration, personally attending to cases, and drawing largely from his own funds in many ways, of which the public never learned. Many a Salem person will long remember him with gratitude for the help they received from his hands."

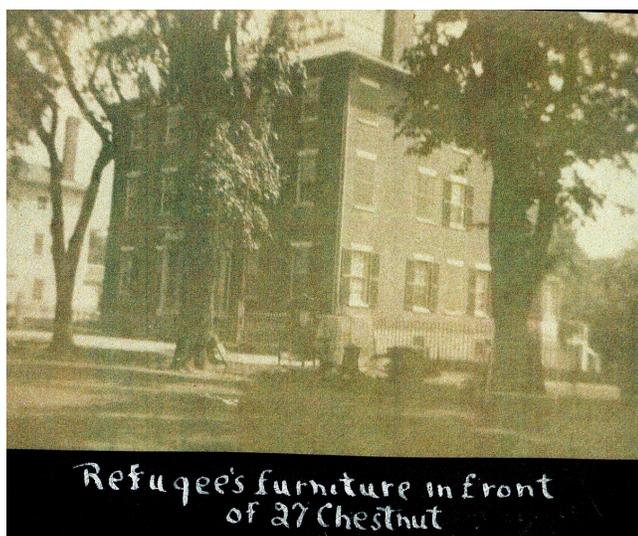
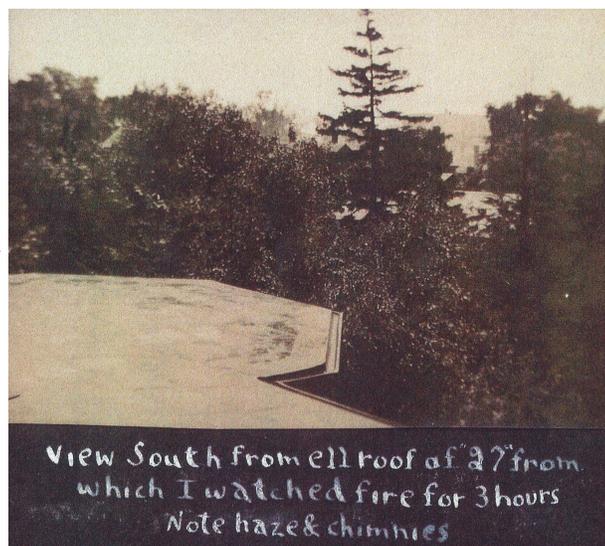
As an adult, the youthful photographer Bertram K. Little (1899–1993) served as director of Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (now known as Historic New England) for twenty-three years. His wife, Nina Fletcher Little (1903–1993), published six books including *American Decorative Wall Painting: 1700-1850*, and over 100 articles and exhibition catalogues. She is now recognized as one of the most important scholars in the field of American folk art. In 1937, the Littles purchased a 165-acre property in Essex, Massachusetts, that included a 1738 farmhouse. They carefully restored the house and named it Cogswell's Grant after John Cogswell. Cogswell's 1636 land receipt documents him as the first European settler in the area. In 1984, the Littles transferred ownership of the property to SPNEA (today, Historic New England) to preserve the house and land in perpetuity. For many summers, one of the Littles' sons, Warren ("Renny") Little, has led behind-the-scenes tours of Cogswell's Grant based on his boyhood exploits.

Renny Little, now in his 80s, carried on his parents' passion for history and education. He received his B.A. from Harvard, his Ed. M. from Tufts, and his Ed.D. from UMass/Amherst. Renny was director of education for the New England Aquarium, director of the Higgins Armory Museum, and director of the Cambridge Historical Society for twenty-five years. Renny continues to serve as the pro bono curator of Harvard's athletics collection, and as secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati—"the nation's oldest patriotic organization, founded in 1783 by officers of the Continental Army and their French counterparts who served together in the American Revolution. Its mission is to promote knowledge and appreciation of the achievement of American independence and to foster fellowship among its members." (Society website) Renny is deeply proud of his ancestor, Col. David Mason, and

the role he played in Salem in the early days of the war. Renny is also descended from Capt. John Bertram, for whom his father was named, making him a cousin of Caroline Emmerton's. Renny's sister, Selina, has served on the board of the Salem Public Library for many years. The library is the former home of John Bertram.

When we started working on our own book about the Great Salem Fire of 1914, we thought it would really make it "ours" if we included stories from past church members. I first met Renny at least twenty-five years ago while I was living in Cambridge and involved in the history community. We became fast friends, and still are, and so I reached out to him for a story to include. I had no idea he would have his father's photographs! (Unfortunately, the negatives are long gone.) Also, FYI, I called Renny "live" from our Leslie's Retreat event at the North Bridge. He was THRILLED.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Hurd Smith, Chair



Henny Penny

We are excited to soon be wishing our Kindergarten-bound friends the best of luck! The Henny Penny Year End Celebration takes place on Friday June 9th downstairs in Wilson Hall. This celebration includes a quick play titled "Friendship is Magic" and features fun songs the children have been rehearsing. We will also distribute diplomas to our friends moving on to Kindergarten, and certificates of learning to those returning next year as leaders in the program.

As always, we love to have special visitors in the classroom. Salem Firefighter (and Henny Penny dad) Don Cardoza brought in his work gear to Henny Penny the last Friday of May. He spent 30 minutes explaining how each piece of equipment keeps him safe when he responds to a call for assistance. The children were surprised to find out most calls to the fire station are not fire related. It was an exciting morning for the children, especially the Cardoza brothers!



Enrollments for the 2017-18 school year are full. We are excited to have younger siblings attend, and to welcome new families to our preschool program. All of our new enrollments came to us from word of mouth recommendations, or from visitors to the Henny Penny Facebook page. Feel free to check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/hennypennypreschool/>

Finally, we are grateful for the continued support of First Church Members and employees. We love when members pop in to say hello to the children and see what activity is stirring in the classrooms. You are providing an important opportunity for families by hosting the sole half-day preschool program in Salem (starting in September).

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

Welcome Committee

Last month, the Welcome and Membership committee teamed up to try out a new way of welcoming our New Members. During the Annual meeting, we celebrated our new members with a sparkling cider toast! The congregation donated champagne flutes and the church rented some to make up the difference. We passed out glasses to everyone at the meeting and shared a moment of welcoming and celebration as our congregation voted in **Christine Parsons Booth, Eileen Driscoll, Anthony Silva and JoAnn Silva**, as new members of our congregation. We are so happy to have you as new members of our congregation.

Thank you to everyone who donated their champagne flutes, and to those who helped organize the purchasing and serving of the cider.

Sincerely, The Welcoming and Membership Committees,

Mary Krigbaum, Eric Kenny, Bill Henning (Membership)

Donna Fritz, Jeanne Petta, Iris Weaver, Neil Alsip, and Linda Stark (Welcome)



Events and Goings on At and Around First Church

First Church Resistance Speaker Series Continues on Fri, June 16

Caring for Women, Changing the World: The Importance of Women's Health Programs: Internationally and Locally

Come and learn how supporting women health makes a huge difference internationally and locally. Ms. Anderson has worked in Africa and Asia for the UN and Doctors Without Borders.

Friday, June 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
6:30-7:00 Wine and Cheese Reception
7:00-8:15 Presentation and Discussion



Featuring Rondi Anderson, Nurse Midwife and Program Manager for UNFPA in Bangladesh, and health professionals from Lynn Community Health Center and North Shore Medical Center.

Salem Literary Festival

Saturday, June 17 9am-4pm

On June 17, 2017 the Salem Athenaeum will present the 8th Salem Literary Festival here at First Church. Enjoy an exciting day of literary adventures for adults and youth, with award-winning and best-selling writers, lunch with the authors, and more.



The Salem Literary Festival was founded by Beth Simpson in 2008 as an extension of the events she created for the now defunct Cornerstone Bookstore. Since then, the Salem Lit Fest has grown to include hundreds of attendees, scores of volunteers, and dozens of authors. In 2014, the festival joined forces with New York Times bestselling author Brunonia Barry and her organization, Readers and Writers, Inc. The LitFest was held at historic venues in and around Salem that unite authors and book lovers. In 2016, the baton was passed by Bru to longtime LitFest partner, the Salem Athenaeum, which is presenting the 2017 festival. The Salem Lit Fest aims to inspire and promote literacy and a love of books and reading through programming featuring both contemporary authors and engagement with classic works of literature.

The Box Beckons

Sunday, June 18

The 2017 Question Box Sermon will be on Sunday, June 18. The question Box will be out and receiving questions and comments over the next three weeks. No question is too big or too small...



Events and Goings on At and Around First Church (cont)

Welcome Hannah Peterson! Our new Youth Advisor

Hannah is excited to begin working as a youth advisor. She was raised in the UU Church of Greater Lynn, and is thrilled to be undertaking this new journey within the First Church community. Hannah is a paralegal who works with solo practitioners specializing in real estate, estates, and estate planning. She is lucky enough to be able to bring Mia, the rescue dog that she co-dog-parents to work with her. She spends her free time reading court decisions, learning about politics, and thinking about systems of power. She enjoys reading, camping, and cooking and eating delicious food. Hannah's life was recently changed when she found a [brand redacted] pressure cooker, and she has vowed to never look back.



Yard Sale Update

This year's Yard Sale raised over \$3,400! Again many thanks to Carol Hedstrom who ran the Ladies as well as Connie and Jan Arlander, Ellen Brandenburg, Christina Carrick, Mary Collari, Jan Eschauzier, Hugh Evans, Chris Finn, Debra Greel, Joan and Richard Hannah, Carol Hedstrom with her team, Ben Hedstrom, Judy Kearney, Brenda Marean, Billy McCarthy, Jean Petta, Jacqui Rae, Patti Roka, Kathleen Salas and her daughter and daughter's friend, Stephen Sawtell, Andy Schultz, Lynn Taggart, Nancy TenBroek, Crystal Truong, Rebecca Truong, John Wathne and Adam. If we missed anyone, please let us know.

Peter Eschauzier, our Yard Sale coordinator is stepping down from his post and we hope someone will come forward to take on the task.

Archives Exhibits



Check out the new exhibit of photos from the last 70 years showing how church members have used our garden and celebrated spring over the decades. Did you know that we used to host outdoor services, complete with a children's choir, in the 1960s? Who knew! We thank Raye Spatafore and the Archives Committee for putting this together.

Great Salem Fire of 1914 Exhibit on display starting Sunday, June 25

Sunday, June 25 is the 103rd anniversary of the Great Salem fire of 1914. Our Archives Cmt will have on display an exhibit of items from our collection including a startling series photos taken after the fire that documents the destruction. In addition there will be several written descriptions of the fire from the time including a hand-written account composed by the minister of our church, the Rev. Edward Dunbar Johnson.





Tent Talks in Salem Returns for June 2017 Season

Since 2014 the Salem Award Foundation for Human Rights and Social Justice has organized free 15-minute "Tent" Talks at noon in the Salem Witch Trials Memorial off Charter Street. These approachable and relevant presentations by notable members of the community offer opportunities for visitors and residents alike to take a mid-day break for reflection and engagement. All talks are on Thursdays at noon. Rain or shine.

The schedule is as follows:

- June 1: Dr. Alexandra Piñeros Shields, Executive Director, Essex County Community Organization
Why Sanctuary Matters
- June 8: Hon. Kim Driscoll, Mayor of Salem
Salem: Looking Back, Moving Forward
- June 15: Stacy Tilney, Director of Communications, Salem Witch Museum
The Relevance of the Salem Witch Trials in This Age of Conflict
- June 22: Hon. Paul Tucker, State Rep. 7th Essex District
How is the Commonwealth of Mass. Protecting Human Rights?
- June 29: Rev. Joseph M. Amico, M.Div. Pastor, Tabernacle Congregational Church
The Changing Role of the Church in Society

For directions to the Salem Witch Trials Memorial and more information about these and other events sponsored by the Salem Award Foundation for Human Rights and Social Justice, please go to: Salemaward.org



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 21 - 25

Planning has begun for General Assembly 2017 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa, it is one of America's most culturally and historically-rich destinations. It is a city known for its music, food, architecture, and festivals. New Orleans is also known as a place of re-birth following the devastation of Katrina in 2005. Many Unitarian Universalists have contributed time and funds in the effort to rebuild both the city and the congregations in the area. By going to New Orleans, we can both celebrate our successes and recommit to the relationships that have been forged with this community.

Get Involved/Thank You!!!

Lifebridge Dinner Team

Next Dinners: Sun, June 18 and Sat, June 24 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 May volunteers: Nese Satirli, Gabe Roses, Richard Hannah, Amanda Roeder, Peter Copelas and Alan Hanscom, and Sally and Kyle Holtzman.

Fellowship Committee

Thank you to all our May Fellowship contributors for Annual Meeting, Mother's Day and Sundae Sunday! So many wonderful Community Fellowships during the month of May!

Upcoming Community Fellowships:

June 11 [Postponed from June 4]- Church Picnic- Pot luck for side items and desserts.

June 18- Father's Day - Community Fellowship for the Cleveland Room table. The Radues will be back in town to host one of their renowned Children's Tables in the Barnard Room.

From Your Favorite Foodies,

The Fellowship Committee; Donna Fritz, Stephanie Diozzi, Chris Finn, Christiane Hansen-Mitev, Indra Milowe, Nancy Peluso



Family Promise Returns the week of August 20-27

Volunteers Needed!

The First Church will once open our doors to 3-4 homeless families for seven nights in the middle of August. We will again need volunteers to make dinner, host dinner, and stay overnight. Ideally, we need one male and one female to sleep over night for each of the seven days we are hosting the families. Overnight volunteers have their own private room (one of the two offices upstairs) and a comfortable bed to sleep on. To sign up to help out, see our online sign-up page on the Church's website or speak with Jessica Kane or Hannah Diozzi.



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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



Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, June 11 [Postponed from June 4]

Join us for one of the most favorite days of the church year. We provide burgers, hotdogs, drinks and all the fixings. Please consider signing up to bring a side, salad or dessert. Requested donation: \$5 per person / \$12 for families, just so we break even. Our Grill Master this year will once again be Chef Doug Pini.

