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Minister's Musings

Can I just give a big shout out for our 387-year old community? Since last fall we have been busy amidst a variety of different activities and events that celebrate our history, engage our community and promote our values. In the last six weeks, we have marched in some of the largest protests in modern American history, and hosted a stimulating book group featuring J.D. Vance's memoir about growing up poor in Ohio, [Hillbilly Elegy](#). We also opened our doors to host an excellent documentary film about the urgent need to respond to the threats posed by climate change. Last but not least, we co-hosted the first reenactment of Leslie's Retreat since 1975, commemorating that famous event from 1776 that involved the minister and members of this very congregation. Many thanks to Charlie Newhall, Alicia Diozzi, Stephanie Diozzi and Jonathan Streff for participating in such a fun morning and afternoon on February 26.

Add to this toy drives for Syrian refugees, serving dinner at the Lifebridge shelter twice per month, getting ready to serve as a host again for homeless families as part of Family Promise, preparing for our third annual Yard Sale in April, and you get the picture that we are a busy and engaged congregation.

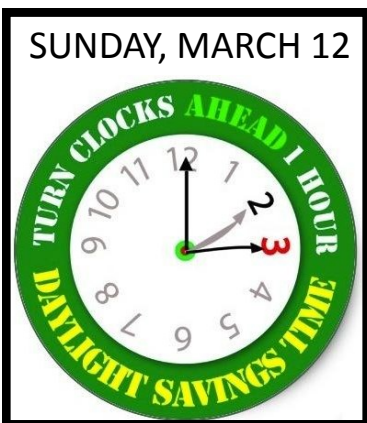
The month of March will continue this trend. On Sunday, March 5 we welcome local storyteller Tony Toledo to our pulpit. There is a rich tradition of humanism and skepticism in our larger Unitarian Universalist "faith," and Tony will share his experience as a fellow UU and a skeptic, in a way is engaging and fun. On March 12, we will host our annual Stewardship Luncheon and Celebration. It will be a day to hold up all the great ways that members of our congregation minister to one another and to the larger community. On March 14, we will host a lecture on the November Elections with Pam Wilmot, the Executive Director of Common Cause Massachusetts. Pam is an expert in campaign finance and electoral reform and this program should be one of the best of the year. Finally on Sunday, March 26 we welcome back Robert Azzi to our service. Robert is a practicing Muslim and a well-known writer, speaker and photographer, who hosted our "Ask a Muslim Anything" program last year. Later that afternoon, we will have an organ recital featuring Doug Major, which will then be followed by a "[Special Reception to Honor and Celebrate Paul Madore](#)," who will be on hand. There is so much happening this month that we will need to pace ourselves!

And this is just some of what we have been doing as a growing, progressive minded church here on the North Shore. Some of us are finding that as the culture and mood changes in the country, communities like ours are becoming more relevant, not less. Our approach to religious faith, our views on people, community and society are perspectives that some folks really need right now. At our best, a UU church like this one is a beacon for compassion, decency, tolerance and reason. It is so very gratifying to see the many ways that we have found – and our finding – to let our light shine.

See you in church,

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sun, March 12. Spring forward!

SUNDAY, MARCH 12





March Schedule of Events

Fri, March 3

7pm Story Slam

Sun, March 4

9am Citizens' Climate Lobby Chapter Mtg

Sun, March 5

10:30am Service, Tony Toledo, Storyteller
Conversation Circles

Wed, March 8

7:15pm Standing Committee Meeting

Sat, March 11

9am Choir Rehearsal

Sun, March 12: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - SPRING FORWARD

9am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Communion and Choir Service
During Service: Coming of Age Mentor Sunday
Annual Stewardship Luncheon

Tue, March 14

12pm Lunch with the Pastor
7pm Program on November Election

Sun, March 19

10:30am Service Celebrating the Start of Spring!
Conversation Circles
4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

Thu, March 23

4pm Salem Pantry Bagging

Sat, March 25

9am Choir Rehearsal
9am Salem Pantry Distribution
4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

Sun, March 26

9am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Service, Robert Azzi Speaking
4pm Dennis Organ Recital with reception for Paul Madore

Around the Parish

Jeff Barz-Snell was part of a citizen advisory group led by the Mayor working with various community members to draft a **Sanctuary City Ordinance for Salem**. The proposed ordinance is supported by many folks and groups in town including State Representative Paul Tucker, Chief of Police Mary Butler, the Salem Interfaith Council and our very own First Church. Our Board voted to support the proposed ordinance at their monthly meeting in February. See **Mary Collari's** article for more details.

Chocolate Sunday was February 12 and was yet again a big hit. Lots of people turned out on this cold winter morning to cele-

brate community and the magic of cacao beans. Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate goodies for the auction and to all those who bought up almost everything we put up for sale. The youth in our religious education program raised almost \$600, which will go to their springtime charity project.

Katherine Palmer is now the Vice President of Employee Affairs for Bright Horizons, Inc., the largest private pre-school and child-care company in the country. She has worked for Bright Horizons for almost 20 years now.

Patti Roka, Jeff Brandt, Luce Brandt and Eli Brandt moved in January. They had been looking on and off for several years and found a great house in Hamilton after having lived on Lynn St. here in Salem for over 20 years. Don't worry: they are still attending church here, however.

Aiden Keenan recently participated in a "Model US Congress" program, as part of a regional gathering of high school students in Boston. Apparently he quite enjoyed the policy research and discussions that go into creating new legislation. And, apparently, the apple does not fall far from the tree!

Richard L'Heureux and **Paul Marquis** both performed in the **Mystic Chorale's annual Gospel Concert** at Tremont Temple in Boston on Feb. 25 & 26. This annual concert is a favorite for many folks. Among those church members who caught this year's performance were Claire Donaldson, Chris Finn and Jan & Peter Eschauzier.

The Rev. Art McDonald and Rev. Jeff did a pulpit exchange on Feb 19. Rev. Art spoke at our service here while Rev. Jeff held forth at the Universalist Church in Essex. Art plans to retire at the end of June this year, so there will be some changes up in Essex.

On Sunday, February 26, the First Church hosted the first commemoration and reenactment of **Leslie's Retreat** since 1975. (See photos) Leslie's Retreat is the name given to the events of February 26, 1775, when British Colonel Leslie was dispatched from Colonial Headquarters in Boston to seize cannons and munitions alleged to be in the possession of residents of North Salem. In essence the Revolutionary War almost began here in Salem 7 weeks before the famous Battle of Lexington and Concord.

For the 242nd anniversary of the event, an estimated 200 people gathered to watch a reenactment of the events on that cold winter day. Special thanks to **Deacon Charlie Newhall** for his brave and dramatic portrayal of the frustrated Colonel Leslie. In addition, we want to thank **Jeff Barz-Snell** who played Thomas Barnard, **Jon Streff** who whipped up crowd sentiment as David Mason and **Alicia Diozzi** who donned colonial garb to play several roles as well.

In addition, we want to thank everyone who planned and hosted the special Community Reception held in the Cleveland Room after the reenactment, complete with Fish House Punch and all. This includes **Christiane Hansen-Mitev, Bill and Erica Klag, Stephanie Diozzi, Alicia Diozzi, Donna Fritz** and **Chris Finn**. The First Church did ourselves proud that day celebrating our history and recognizing the contributions of our current community.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 7pm Story Slam	4 9am Citizens' Climate Lobby Mtg
5 10:30am Service Conversation Circles	6	7	8 7:15pm Standing Cmte Meeting	9	10	11 9am Choir Rehearsal
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Communion and Choir Service Coming of Age Mentor Sunday Annual Stewardship Luncheon	13	14 12pm Lunch with Pastor 7pm Program on November Elections	15	16	17	18
19 10:30am Service Conversation Circles 4:45pm Lifebridge	20	21	22	23 4pm Salem Pantry Bagging	24	25 9am Choir Rehearsal 9am Salem Pantry Distribution 4:45pm Lifebridge
26 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Choir Service Robert Azzi Speaking 4pm Dennis Recital & Reception for Paul Madore	27	28	29	30	31	

Standing Committee: Annual Stewardship Luncheon, March 12

Pledge season is ramping up!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 12**. This is when we will have our annual pledge luncheon, during which we will discuss the programs of First Church for the coming year, and how we as members of the community can support these programs. This is an important time in the church calendar and we need all of the support that we can get.

If you're a stalwart who always come to the luncheon, then come again and find a friend who has never been to bring. Better yet, introduce yourself to a new member whom you don't know and ask them to accompany you.

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

We look forward to sharing with you all of the wonderful things that are happening at First Church!

Sincerely,

Marlene Warner Tommy Leon, co-chairs

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





Religious Education

Chocolate Sunday was a great success! The baking, organizing, and the sale itself were great and everyone had a fine time. Thanks to our students, members and friends who all came together to make this day fun. We earned over \$500 for our upcoming social justice project.

Our Coming of Age students, who are our 8th and 9th graders, took a break from their regular classes in January and February. Students planned, on their own, and enjoyed several fun baking sessions utilizing the revamped downstairs kitchen; and we visited a Catholic church service and had breakfast together at Brothers on Derby St. It was a good break for the students from the hard work of preparing to write their Faith Statements. Coming of Age sessions begin again this Sunday March 5th with Denise Granniss. Sunday, March 12th students meet with their mentors and the Mentor / Mentee photos will be taken. The Coming of Age service takes place on June 4th this year.

Our Family Fun Night was, you guessed it, Fun! Our theme was music- we sang and danced and made some cool crafts. Thanks to Valentina, Max, Raylene, Cordie, Samantha, Rebecca, Tricia, Crystal and Nora.

Youth Sunday takes place on Sunday, April 2. This is the day that Religious Education classes take over the Meeting House for the Sunday Service. Youth Sunday is an opportunity for students learn about the church service and all its components as well as an opportunity to showcase and share what we have been learning in class. For the next few weeks each class will be using some or all of their class time to prepare a presentation about our First Church heroes. I believe the best part of RE Sunday is sharing all of our talented, beautiful, and thoughtful young Unitarian Universalists with the entire congregation. All parents are encouraged to have their child participate in Youth Sunday. It is always a special experience for the students and reaffirms the value we as a congregation put on our youngest members.

In faith,

Deb DiGiulio, Director of Religious Education

RE CALENDAR

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

March is a busy month at Henny Penny. Our days will be inspired by Dr. Seuss, resulting in a silly & fun filled month! This month's Henny Penny Family Night is focused on literacy, and will include an appearance by The Cat in the Hat! The Literacy Night will take place in the Henny Penny rooms on Thursday March 23rd from 5:30p – 7pm. This event is appropriate for children age 4yrs – 8yrs, and First Church families with children in that age range are welcome to attend. No need to sign up, simply show up & stay with your child. There will be an opportunity to participate in fun crafts & activities before the arrival of The Cat. Once the Cat has arrived and settled in, he will tell us all a fun and familiar story! Finally, families will have the opportunity to take photographs with the Cat in the Hat. Please join us if your schedule is free!



Henny Penny is enrolling for September 2017, and we have limited 2-day, 3-day and 5-day schedules available. Spread the word if you know any families looking for a high-quality half-day preschool program. As always, First Church Members receive a 10% tuition discount. Our half-day program is 8:30-noon, with options for 8am drop-off and an extended day dismissal at 1:30pm.

Save the date – April 27th! The Third Annual Henny Penny Art Show will take place in the Cleveland & Barnard Rooms on Thursday April 27 from 6p – 7:30p. The space will be filled with a variety of art projects including pieces inspired by Kandinsky, Monet, Matisse, Pollack and Picasso. The children have been learning about negative space, mixing mediums, and oil pastel crayon resist techniques. In the next few weeks they will begin to collaborate on several larger projects, and start exploring different ways to work with clay.

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

Update on Family Promise

Most members are familiar with our Family Promise program, but for those who are newer to the church, here's a quick overview. Family Promise is an organization that operates nation-wide to provide shelter, meals, job counseling, and other vital services to families (to participate, a family must have at least one dependent child) who have become homeless for all sorts of reasons....job loss, death of a spouse/partner, illness of a family member, rent increase...the list is long. The goal is to get these families independently and safely housed.

First Church has joined with twelve other North Shore congregations in hosting up to four families within our building for four separate weeks during the year. We provide sleeping areas and nightly dinner, as well as takeaway breakfast and lunch, from a given Sunday night until the following Saturday morning. Each week that we do this involves about fifty volunteer slots. We are also supported by other nearby congregations who are not hosts but supply much appreciated assistance.

The fifty volunteer tasks include acting as dinner hosts for about three hours in the evening, overnight hosts from 8:30PM until 6:30AM when the guests leave for the day, food providers whose tasks are broken down into entrée, side, and dessert. Volunteers also set up the cots, provided by the Beverly-based regional organization Family Promise North Shore Boston, and take down the cots when the guests leave. As with all good endeavors, the more people who participate, the easier each task becomes.

When the guests are not with us, their lives are centered around the Family Promise Day Center in Beverly. From there, they go to work or school or conduct their job or housing searches. The day center is where they shower, do laundry, do homework, receive job counseling, housing leads, and other needed services.

That's the very quick description of the program and the part that we play. Volunteers who would be interacting with guests (dinner hosts, overnight people) need to attend a two-hour training and have a CORI check. Food providers and set-up people do not have to do this, but the information is valuable anyway.

Our host dates for 2017 are May 14-21, August 20-27, October 1-8, and November 12-19.

If helping with Family Promise interests you or if you just have questions to ask, please contact Jessica Kane jesskane07@gmail.com, or Hannah Diozzi hannahdiozzi@gmail.com or see us at church. We'd be happy to share more information (no obligation if you ask) and welcome you if you'd like to be part of this ministry.

Jessica Kane and Hannah Diozzi



Archives Committee

Now that we've added "Universalist" to our name, we look forward to investigating some of the Universalists who have connections to Salem. One, Clara Barton, is indirectly connected. She had multiple family ties to Salem, spoke before the Salem Lyceum Society (43 Church Street) on "Work and the Incidents of Army Life" during the 1866-7 lecture season, and in 2016 The Bridge at 211 (the First Universalist Society of Salem's former meetinghouse) named a room for her. In honor of Women's History Month, below is what appears on the Clara Barton Room sign.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hurd Smith, bonnie@hurdsmith.com

Clara Barton

"It does not hurt me to pioneer." —Clara Barton

Clarissa Harlowe Barton (1821-1912) grew up listening to her father's stories about serving in the Revolutionary War. The family lived in Oxford, Massachusetts, where her father was a prominent member of the Universalist church. Barton's mother was emotionally unstable. One sister had a mental breakdown. As her biographer, Joan Goodwin, wrote, "Clara learned early to make the best of a difficult family situation, a skill she put to considerable use in her pioneering career as an army nurse." Clara struggled with depression and chronic illness her entire life.



Clara Barton was eleven when her brother, David, suffered a terrible accident. Doctors had given up, but with Barton's care he recovered. In her late teens, Barton attended teaching school, taking on a class of forty boys and girls. She was especially effective with rambunctious boys, having grown up with brothers and male cousins. Following her studies at the Clinton Liberal Institute in New York State, Barton stayed with friends in New Jersey where she started the state's first free public school. The school did so well that a man was put in charge at a higher salary. Barton resigned, and moved to Washington, D. C., where she worked as the first woman clerk in the Patent Office for a salary equal to the men's.

On April 19, 1861, a week after Confederate troops fired upon Fort Sumter, Massachusetts soldiers, newly arrived in Washington, were attacked. There were no facilities to help them. Barton and her sister, Sarah, cared for the men and collected clothing, food, and supplies from local merchants. "The patriot blood of my father's was warm in my veins," Barton wrote. Clara Barton knew many of the soldiers she attended; they, and soldiers from New York and New Jersey, had been her students. Barton became the recipient of supplies sent to them from home. She also solicited women's organizations. But Barton yearned for the battlefield where she was most needed. She finally obtained a quartermaster's pass and six wagons to carry her supplies through the lines at Culpepper, Virginia, where she cared for the wounded (including Confederates) for two days and nights without food or sleep. She was at Bull Run, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. She ran a field hospital. And she lobbied Washington for more supplies.

After the war, President Lincoln put Barton in charge of locating missing soldiers. She responded to thousands of requests. In 1866, Barton went on a speaking tour. Her talk, *Work and Incidents of Army Life*, made her a household name. Barton was vacationing in Europe when the Franco-Prussian War broke out. She volunteered for the newly established International Red Cross, earning the Iron Cross and support for starting an American Red Cross. This happened on May 12, 1881. In 1882, at the ratification of the Geneva Convention, she received the highest award given by the International Red Cross. In 1884, as the first woman diplomat to the Third International Conference of the Red Cross, she moved an amendment to include peacetime functions and received the Augusta Medal for Humanitarian Service. Clara Barton visited veterans' encampments and suffrage conventions until her death in 1912.

—Bonnie Hurd Smith

Standing Committee

Happy March!

The words on the cover of the *UUWorld* magazine this spring 2017 were timely and reaffirming. "We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil."

At our February meeting a motion was made by a SC member to write a letter to Mayor Driscoll in support of Salem's Sanctuary for Peace ordinance. Rev Jeff provided us with the history of this initiative as he had been on the original task force that drafted the proposed ordinance. We learned that the Salem Police Chief Mary Butler actively participated in drafting the proposed ordinance as well with support from the Police Union. After careful discussion we had a unanimous vote to support this effort as it is in keeping with the values we uphold. Below is a copy of the letter we sent.

Dear Mayor Driscoll,

We are keenly aware of our church's and this City's history, which is characterized by waves of immigrants looking for a better life and by an infamous episode of intolerance.

We thank you for your work to compose and propose a workable Sanctuary City plan. The First Church in Salem, UU supports the proposed ordinance for Salem to become a Sanctuary for Peace, affirming the basic human rights of all Salem residents.

The Board of the First Church and the members of the congregation encourage the Salem City Council to support this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Collari, Chair, Ben Waxman, Vice Chair, Claire Donaldson, David Helen, Eric Kenney, Richard L'Heureux, Patti Roka, and Marlene Warner.

Please feel free to talk further about this effort with any of us on the Standing Committee or Rev Jeff.

Please note as a member you could be receiving this free periodical-UUWorld. Please contact Catherine Bertrand at the church office to get your subscription; it really is wonderful and timely publication.

Acknowledgements:

Sandra Biondo has stepped down as the longstanding Chair of the Decorating Committee. Please join me and thanking her (and her husband Rich who is an honorary member of Decorating) for her talents these several years. We appreciate the many hours she lovingly spent adorning our meeting house.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Decorating Committee please feel free to contact me for information, it is a festive way to serve and make a difference.

Respectfully submitted,

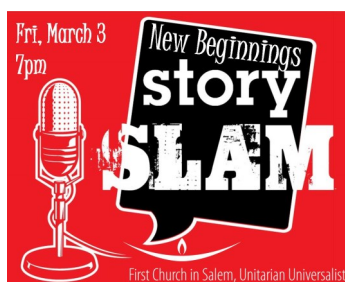
Mary Collari, Chair of Standing Committee

Events and Goings on At and Around First Church

Story Slam

Friday, March 3 at 7pm

Hosted by Lloyd Woodcock
Join Lloyd, Stacia and your fellow members and friends for our latest Story Slam. These gatherings have become a popular event here at the First Church. We begin at 7:00 with a "potluck" social hour of hors d'oeuvres and beverages (BYOB). People sign up for a time slot and the stories begin around 7:30.

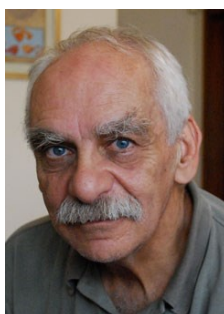


Robert Aziz

Speaking

Sun, March 26, 10:30am

Robert Azzi speaking during church as a follow up to last year's program he hosted, "Ask a Muslim Anything."



Dennis Organ Recital

Sunday, March 26 at 4pm

This Spring's Dennis Organ Recital will feature internationally recognized organ solo artist, Douglas Major. The program will include music by Bach, Vierne, John Knowles Pain and Franck as well as his own compositions.

Following the recital will be a special reception to honor and Celebrate Paul Madore.

Conversation Circles Continue

Sunday, March 5 and 19

March 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.



Program on November Election

Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm

Contemporary Threats to Democracy: Gerrymandering and the Electoral College

How politicians re-drew Congressional and State districts for political gain and why the Electoral College no longer serves our nation

**Tuesday, March 14
7:00 – 8:30 pm**

*Presentation followed
by Q&A*

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Events and Goings on At and Around First Church

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.



COMING IN APRIL:

Sun, April 2: Youth Sunday
Sun, April 16: Easter Sunday!

Sun, April 9: Palm Sunday
Sat, April 29: FC Yard Sale



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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.





UUA Presidential Candidates Miller ~ Pupke ~ Frederick-Gray			Dr. Ysaye Barnwell	Rev. Robin Bartlett	Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout	Rev. Sue Phillips	Hilary Allen	Meck Groot
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New England Regional Assembly

April 21-22, 2017 WOBURN, MA

Gather April 21-22, 2017 in Woburn, Massachusetts with UUs from across New England to celebrate our faith. Come for inspired worship, engaged learning, community singing, a UUA Presidential Candidates Forum, regional workshops, fun and fellowship. *Awaken your spirit!* <https://www.uua.org/new-england/awaken>



New England
Region

Get Involved/Thank You!!!

Lifebridge Dinner Team

Next Dinners: Sun, Mar 19 and Sat, Mar 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 February volunteers: Paul Marguis and Doreen Beauregard, The Voss/Ninneman family, Mary and Jenny Krigbaum, Holly Chase, Amanda Roeder, Peter Copelas, Iana Plum and Zach, Amy Prodanas, Crystal Truong and Rebecca and Samantha, Susan Engelke, Alan Hanscom, Duncan Cox and Sarah, Elisa Voss, Stella Riley, Maria Voss, and Paul and Sara Massa



Meeting House Flowers UPDATE!

The Garden and Decorating Committee are pleased to announce several enhancements to the Altar Flower Program:

- Three different price points: \$15, \$25, \$45.
- We supply the arrangement in consultation with you.
- Or we gratefully accept the arrangement you provide.
- Your donation will be acknowledged in the Order of Service.
- If possible, plant material will be re-purposed in the foyer or in the garden.
- Committees are encouraged to participate once a year to highlight an aspect of their work.

We hope this new program will inspire more members to celebrate an event, memorialize or honor a loved one. Sign Up Online! Additionally, a signup sheet will also be circulated during Fellowship Hour or you may email Catherine in the office at firstchurchinsalem@gmail.com or contact Jan Eschauzier directly at 978-969-1820 or janeschauzier@gmail.com.

Fellowship Committee

Many thanks to our February Fellowship Hosts, Jan and Peter Eschauzier, Jacquelyn Rae, Nicole McLaughlin, Amy Prodanas, Chritiane Hansen-Mitev, Alicia Diozzi and the Klag Family.

Wondering how Fellowship Hosting works? Interested in hosting but not sure how to get involved? See below for some tips.

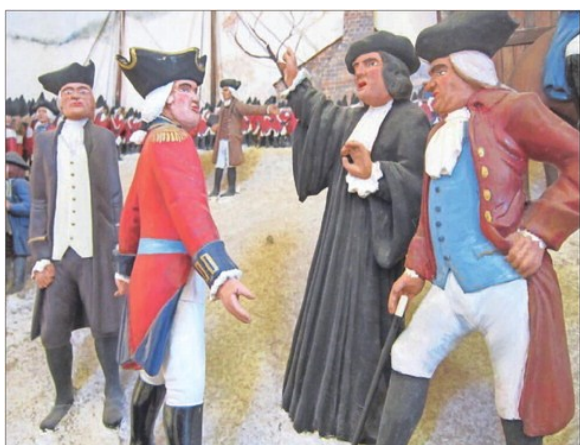
- Fellowship Hour occurs each week after our Sunday worship service.
- Members and friends of The First Church volunteer to host Fellowship each week. One or two people volunteer to host the adult table in the Cleveland Room or the Children's Table in the Barnard Room. Some people find that co-hosting can be more fun and make the hosting easier.
- Fellowship Committee members are available to assist any "first-timers", or to help pair someone up with another co-host.
- "Fellowship Angels" are people who would like to host fellowship by donating money for the cost of the food but would prefer for the Fellowship Committee to shop for and prepare the food. If you would like to be a Fellowship Angel, please email the Committee Chair, Donna Fritz, directly at dlhayes44@hotmail.com.

A few notes on hosting Fellowship at The First Church:

- You are hosting a simple reception. Have fun and enjoy the process. This is a great way to get know new people and be a part of the community.
- Hosting Fellowship Hour involves coming a little early to prepare and then staying a little late to help clean up. Consider arriving at the church around 10:00 a.m. Our Sexton is there to help you and provide guidance as well. Other church members are happy to help too. Just ask.

To sign up for this Sunday please use this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49aaa922a2ff2-first>

Leslie's Retreat, or The Affair at the North Bridge: February 26, 2017/1775



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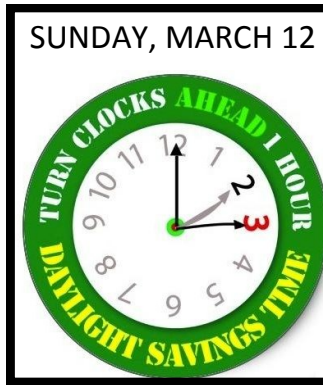
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



Easter Flowers 2017

Carrying a longstanding tradition, Easter Flowers are provided entirely by donations received from members and friends of the parish. It's a great way to remember or honor a loved one or commemorate a special event. Your generosity will be gratefully acknowledged in the Easter Sunday Order of Service.

If you wish you may take your flowers home with you after the service. You may also prefer to make a seasonal gift of a spring arrangement for one or more of the six planters on the front steps of the church.

Orders due: **Sunday, April 2**

You can leave the form in the FLOWER ORDERS folder outside the Church Office or email the order to firstchurchinsalem@gmail.com

Flower	Price	Quantity	Total
White Azalea	\$15.00		
White Hyacinth	\$6.50		
Lily	\$8.00		
General Donation: Flowers or Planters	-	-	
TOTAL			

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