

# The Spire

The Newsletter of First Parish of Norwell  
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ELECTRONIC EDITION

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## Sunday Services – 10:00 am

*Rev. Dr. Len DeRoche preaching unless otherwise indicated*

April 19:

### **Lincoln: a Closet Unitarian?**

Rev. Len's sermon talks about how this president's ideas followed Unitarian thought. For those that wish, the movie "Lincoln" will be shown Saturday night (April 18) at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. (This service was originally scheduled for February 15, but was cancelled due to snow.)

April 26 and May 3:

### **Candidating Week**

Both worship services will be led by our ministerial candidate, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry. Below you will find a message from Rev. Lise and a schedule of events for candidating week.

May 10:

### **I Remember Mama**

Our Mother's Day service will include the dedication of Jim and Marie Miller's grandchildren. If any other families wish to join them, please contact Rev. Len.

## CARING CORNER



Thank you to Daleann Awalt for once again doing the beautiful plantings on either side of the main church doors!

Help us to keep in touch, celebrate the happy moments in life and support you during the difficult times. Please send your news to Hope Weinman in the Church Office at [office@firstparishnorwell.com](mailto:office@firstparishnorwell.com), or contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team (Sue Robinson, Joanne Howard, Joyce Hockman and Betsey Detwiler).



## CANDIDATING WEEK 2015

Peg Kitchenham set up a series of events **April 25- May 3** that will enable all of us to have a chance to personally welcome the **Rev. Lise Adams Sherry**, the Ministerial Candidate for First Parish of Norwell, chosen by the Search Committee.

The focus of these get-togethers will primarily be social, though time will be set aside for conversation on church matters so that you may hear the candidate speak briefly to various topics.

Below is a calendar for the week that lists planned get-togethers. Events marked with an asterisk (\*) are set aside for groups of you to come together around a particular focus of committee interests or lay leadership involvement. Each of you is asked to sign up for at least one of these events that best fits your schedule. For example, if you are in the choir and serve on a committee, you need only attend one event. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to come with their partner. If you do not see yourself neatly fitting into one of the groups, select one you would like to attend or consider coming to the Open House Coffee Tuesday morning. The Sunday Pizza Party is a family-friendly event, as is the Saturday Ham and Bean Supper; however feel free to bring children to another event if you need to.

The Saturday Ham and Bean Supper is an all-church event as well as an opportunity for those who have not been able to attend other group meetings to meet the candidate. What is MOST important is that everyone signs up! Sign-up lists will be available beginning April 12 at Coffee Hour, or the Church Office will gladly take your reservation by phone. Volunteers have stepped forward to coordinate events and would like a head count, so please make your commitment by **Friday, April 24**, to allow for plans to move forward.

**Events marked with an asterisk (\*) are open for sign up.**

SATURDAY, April 25, 6:00 pm - Search Committee

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, April 26, 10:00 am - Rev. Lise Adams Sherry

SUNDAY PIZZA PARTY\*, April 26, 5:30 pm - Religious Education Committee, R.E. Staff, Teachers and Families

TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE\*, April 28, 10:30 am - Open House Coffee

TUESDAY EVENING LIGHT SUPPER\*, April 28, 6:30 pm – at the James Library - hearty appetizers and desserts will be served - Parish Committee, Finance Committee, Church Treasurer, Invested Funds, Moderator, Deputy Moderator, Clerk, Auditor

WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE, April 29 - 9:30 am – First Parish Preschool; 10:00 am - Alliance Meeting

WEDNESDAY STAFF MEETING/LUNCH, April 29, 11:00 am - Staff Meeting; 12:00 Lunch - Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Office Administrator, Music Director and Sexton

WEDNESDAY EVENING POTLUCK\*, April 29, 6:30 pm - Membership Committee, Buildings & Grounds Committee, Service Committee, Denominational Affairs, Nominating Committee, Activities Committee, all other Committees

THURSDAY EVENING SOUP\*, April 30, 6:00-7:00 pm - Search Committee, Music Committee, Choir, Pastoral Care Committee, Partner Church Committee, Worship Committee (including Head Usher)

SATURDAY HAM & BEAN SUPPER\*, May 2, 5:30 pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, May 3, 10:00 am - Rev. Lise Adams Sherry – followed by PARISH MEETING TO VOTE ON OUR CANDIDATE at 11:00 am

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE,  
REV. LISE ADAMS SHERRY**

Dear Friends,

Do you remember when you were a kid, or if you are a kiddo, do you remember that feeling you got (and hopefully still get) when you were *so excited* for something to happen? Maybe it was the first day of school, or getting to go to camp, or a vacation you'd been dreaming about. That's how I feel now about getting to come and be with you all at First Parish! I am so honored to be chosen as your ministerial candidate and am really looking forward to meeting you during candidating week.

Some of the things I hope we'll get to do together during that week include simply learning more about each other, eating some good food, and sharing lots of laughter. I'd also like to hear, first hand, your dreams for First Parish, the surrounding community, and how I can conspire with you in those plans to help make them come true. I also want to take a few hikes and go to the beach (there was quite a lot of snow when I last visited) so I can see where I'll be taking our dog, Nahna, to explore and run.

My husband, Nelson, will be joining me beginning on Tuesday, so you'll get to meet him, too. Our sons, Kennen and Derek, will probably visit in August after everything is finalized and we've officially started our journey together. They are all excited for this next step in our lives as well and are very supportive of my choices.

Less than two weeks and we'll all get to meet--I am so looking forward to it!

Love,  
Rev. Lise

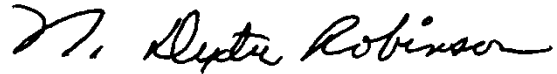
## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

The members of First Parish of Norwell are hereby notified and warned of a Special Parish Meeting to be held Sunday, May 3, 2015, immediately following the Sunday service, in the Meeting House, to hear and act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I: To act upon the acceptance of new members.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon a report from the Called Minister Search Committee making their recommendation of a candidate for ministry at First Parish of Norwell.

ARTICLE III: To hear and act upon any further business that may properly and legally be brought before the meeting.



April 5, 2015  
Norwell, Massachusetts

N. Dexter Robinson  
Parish Clerk

### REFUGE RESTROOMS



First Parish of Norwell has recently enrolled with an organization called REFUGE. It is a web application that seeks to provide safe restroom access for transgender, intersex, and gender-nonconforming individuals. As part of our efforts to be welcoming to the LGBT community, we are proud to be listed on their website. Our gender-neutral restrooms will be available during regular church office hours. For more information, please visit [www.refugerestrooms.org](http://www.refugerestrooms.org).

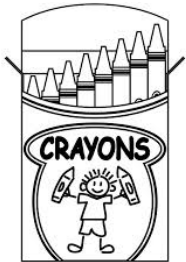
### MOVIE NIGHT

"Lincoln" (PG-13)

Saturday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

Parish Hall

Bring your own drinks and snacks



### CRADLE TO CRAYONS SERVICE PROJECT

The RE committee is organizing a Cradles to Crayons service project on **Tuesday May, 26** from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Three adults and 10 children (ages 5 and up) will be taking First Parish donations to the center for processing. The children of First Parish ask that everyone consider donating an item from the Cradle to Crayons

wish list at <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/sites/default/files/DonationGuidelines-4-30-2014.pdf>.

Printed copies are also on the Welcome Table. We will accept collections in a large red tub near the office. Thank you very much. Drivers and children who wish to sign up to volunteer should sign up with Mandy Metzger at [amajon@mac.com](mailto:amajon@mac.com) or at Coffee Hour.



## HELEN FOGG SERVICE COMMITTEE

What an inspiring Fogg Lecture by Bill Schulz, president of the (national) Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), on Sunday! Because the weather was just too warm and beautiful that day, we got about half the number of people we hoped for (51 actual attendees), but First Parish Norwell people came out in droves! Thank you! Thank you, also, to all who donated finger foods and who helped Sue Robinson with the formal reception!

- Dexter Robinson made two quality sound recordings of the lecture which can be borrowed from the Helen Fogg Service Committee. See Noel Constantino or Bev Gardner. Thank you, Dexter!
- Dustin Fleming, from Colorcycle Video Productions of Kingston, MA, videotaped the lecture, a copy of which can be borrowed from the Helen Fogg Service Committee or bought for \$10. See Bev or Noel.

If you can, please come to the **Red Cross Blood Drive** next **Tuesday, April 21**, from 9-3 at our church! We will need several volunteers to help out - please see Bev.

Our next Service/Outreach Sunday will be next **Sunday, April 19**. We will feature the Weir River Farm in Hingham, a popular Trustees of the Reservations place to hike and explore.

Bev Gardner and Noel Constantino, Co-chairs of the Helen Fogg Service Committee  
Scott Babcock, Gabe Carroll, Debbie Chase, Pat Crumley, Mary Mercier, Dorothy and Bill Montuori, Jack Wallace and Jane and Stan Wilderoter, members.

## ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS...

Annual Reports are due from each committee chair by **Friday, May 22**. More details will be forthcoming, but contact Hope in the Church Office if you have questions before then.



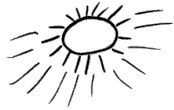
## ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES

The Annual Meeting and Buffet Luncheon will be held **Wednesday, May 6** at 12 noon in the Fogg Parlor and Parish Hall. Come and enjoy sandwiches and a delicious dessert!



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed April 21-24 during school vacation week. Hope will not be in at all (she will be poolside in Florida!), and Donna will be in on Wednesday, April 22 only. We will reopen at 9 am on **Tuesday, April 28**.



## FROM THE DRE

Hello First Parish!



Things have been ramping up here as we look forward to welcoming our Ministerial Candidate, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, during the Candidating Week at the end of this month. I am personally looking forward to hearing Rev. Sherry's ideas on how children and adults together can best be integrated into our worship services considering her background beginning as a religious educator. During the Candidating Week there will be multiple opportunities for congregation members to meet and talk with Rev. Sherry, and one of the best will be on **Sunday, April 26**. That evening we will be holding our First Parish Drum Circle at 4:00, followed by a pizza party. That evening will be an excellent time to ask questions, and get to know her in a less formal environment before voting on the following Sunday.

In addition to Candidating Week, I will be continuing our Resistance and Transformation: Unitarian Universalist Social Justice History workshop this month. Our next session will be on **Wednesday, April 29** at 7 pm in the Fogg Parlor, and will be discussing the UU response to calls for black empowerment. We have an excellent group, and new people are always welcome. Each session discusses a different topic, so you will be sure not to have missed anything!

Finally, I want to give a shout out to our Our Whole Lives teachers, who have been teaching our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders all they need to know about healthy adult relationships. Patti Walters and Thad Robey from our congregation, and Donna Amado and Marc Tierney from the Channing Church in Rockland have been teaching this important program all year long, and I am delighted that we have been able to invite the Rockland youth to our congregation to join our own.

Thank you all for making First Parish the special place that it is. I'll see you all at church!

Julian Baptista  
Director of Religious Education



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

*"The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood."*

**Tuesday, April 21**

9 am-3 pm

Parish Hall

To schedule a donation, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

If you can volunteer that day, please contact Bev Gardner at [bevgardner@comcast.net](mailto:bevgardner@comcast.net).



## FIRST PARISH BOOK GROUP

All are welcome on **Wednesday, May 13** at 7 pm in the Fogg Parlor. We will be discussing "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Our June 10 selection is the classic "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

## PENNIES WITH PURPOSE



Noel Constantino read about a Boy Scout troop in Abington that collected a million pennies. That's **\$10,000**. Could WE do the same? A collaborative effort of Fogg Service Committee and RE Committee is underway. Please bring in one, two or a whole pocketful of pennies on Sundays and place them in the "Pennies with Purpose" jar on the information table in the Parish Hall. The pennies collected will be turned into cash donations for organizations voted on by the children, such as local food pantries, Cradle to Crayons, First Parish itself or whatever imaginative ideas the kids have. This is a project to help the kids learn about stewardship, giving, the democratic process, and perhaps even practice their counting skills. See a penny pick it up... and bring it to the Pennies with Purpose container on the welcome table inside our Parish Hall. No, we do not discriminate against nickels, dimes or quarters. All are welcome. Thank you! Questions- see Gabe Carroll or Noel Constantino.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



Several years ago, FPN hosted the "What If..." workshop, presented by local author Gwen Morgan. Participants complete a workbook, recording financial and estate matters – including personal assets, loans and insurance – as well as final arrangements and requests for how you want to be remembered. Gwen is again presenting this popular workshop at a special 2-part session offered to members of

the South Shore's LGBT community. The workshop will be held on **Monday, April 20 and 27** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the United Church of Christ (460 Main Street, Norwell). For more information or to register, please contact Gwen Morgan directly at 781-210-2045 or [whatifworkshop@comcast.net](mailto:whatifworkshop@comcast.net). The registration fee of \$10 can be paid online at [www.whatifworkshop.com](http://www.whatifworkshop.com).

## **MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:**

*Please note that the various activities for Candidating Week are not listed here; they are included in the article on pages 2-3.*

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| Saturday, April 18: | Movie Night, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm   |
| Sunday, April 19:   | Helen Fogg Service Committee, Office, 11:30 am<br>Ministerial Search Committee, Fogg Parlor, 11:30 am<br>Finance Committee, Skylight Room, 11:30 am<br>Drumming Circle, Parish Hall, 4 pm |
| Tuesday, April 21   | Tai Chi, Skylight Room, 9:15 am<br>Red Cross Blood Drive, Parish Hall, 9 am to 2 pm<br>Knitters, Fogg Parlor, 9:30 am<br>Parish Committee, Fogg Parlor, 7 pm                              |
| Sunday, April 26:   | Capital Improvement Committee, Office, 11:30 am<br>Music Committee, Meetinghouse, 11:30 am<br>Path to Membership class, Fogg Parlor, 12 pm<br>Drumming Circle, 4 pm                       |

**The deadline for the next hard-copy edition of The Spire is Monday, April 27, 2015.**

The full First Parish calendar can be accessed online at the website by selecting "News" on the toolbar, then scrolling to the calendar option.