

The Spire

The Newsletter of First Parish of Norwell

March 18, 2015

ELECTRONIC EDITION

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Sunday Services – 10:00 am

Rev. Dr. Len DeRoche preaching unless otherwise indicated

March 22:

Senior Youth Sunday – “Things I Used to Believe”

Expect this worship to be different from our typical service, with a whole lot of music, movement, and introspection.

March 29:

Hutzpah, Humility and Hubris

We all live somewhere on the spectrum between humility and hubris. For Palm Sunday, Rev. Len will attempt to answer why hutzpah can be beneficial. A communion service (to be held in the Meetinghouse) will follow the regular worship service.

April 5:

Community Easter Sunday Service

Please join us for the traditional Easter Breakfast before church at 8:45 am (see details elsewhere in the Spire).

April 12:

View from Grandma’s Parlor

This service will deal with kindness, with Shelley Vaugine leading.

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.)

CARING CORNER

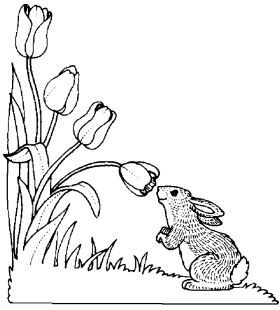


Caring thoughts go to Bernie and Bev Gardner. Bernie’s older brother, John Otis Gardner, died last week after suffering a stroke at his home in California.

Mary Mercier continues to heal from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and support during follow up treatment.

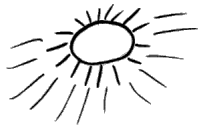
Healing wishes to Bob Detwiler who continues on his treatment journey with lots of rest at home.

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, or contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team (Sue Robinson, Joanne Howard, Joyce Hockman and Betsey Detwiler).



EASTER BREAKFAST

The annual Easter Breakfast has a new format! We don't do a traditional coffee hour on Easter (which falls this year on **April 5**), but we instead have breakfast together before the worship service. This year, to simplify life for the stalwart choir members who have made casseroles for years, we will serve just coffee cake and cereal from 8:45 to 9:50 am. Instead of charging an admission fee, we will put out a donation basket for a free-will offering. Donations will cover the cost of paper goods, juices, coffee and cereal. We will ask parishioners to bring coffee cakes. We need bakers, servers and people to clean up. To volunteer to help in any way, please see Peg Kitchenham at Coffee Hour or contact her by phone or email (781-447-5831 or chrispegk@verizon.net)



FROM THE DRE

Hello, First Parish!



We have a bunch of exciting events coming up for adults and kids, so without further ado:

First, on **Sunday, March 22** is our Youth Group led worship service. Since 2013, our FPN Youth Group has been attending Youth Conferences, meeting as a group, and exploring their ideas and beliefs in this supportive community. This coming Sunday will be our Youth Group's first experience of running a UU worship service for all ages. The theme for their service will be "Things I Used to Believe" and I strongly encourage you all to attend this excellent service. I especially recommend that all parents bring their children to this Multi-Generational service, so that they can see the path of a UU teenager as they move through our program at First Parish.

Next, on **Wednesday, March 25** at 7:30 pm in the Fogg Parlor is a special offering from our own Robert Sutter. Bob will be leading a class I've begun referring to as "Everything you ever thought of as art, but were too embarrassed to say". In his class, Bob will be exploring how we view art, from Van Gogh paintings to road signs. All of these cause a reaction in our eyes and brains, often very strongly. Bob will examine some of these alternate types of artistic expression, and help you to put more thought into the world around you. Adults and youth are both welcomed to attend and broaden their ideas about art.

Finally, to finish out the month in style is our First Parish Talent Show! On **Saturday, March 28** from 5:30-7:00 pm bring your dancing shoes, singing voice, stand up routine, or any other talent to share with our community! If you plan to perform, please contact Amanda Metzger (amajon@me.com) with your name, act, and any musical or technical support you'll need (piano accompanist, music to be played, special lighting etc.).

Thank you everyone, see you all at church!

Julian Baptista

Director of Religious Education





FIRST PARISH BOOK GROUP

Join the bookworms of the First Parish Book Group on **Wednesday, April 8** at 7 pm in the Fogg Parlor. They will be discussing "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. In this novel, an accomplished professor diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease learns that her worth is comprised of more than her ability to remember. Julianne Moore recently won an Academy Award for her portrayal of the title character. All are welcome!

Our selections for the rest of the church year are:

Wednesday, May 13: "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

Wednesday, June 10: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee



JAMES LIBRARY & CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Chamber Music from Eastern Europe

Works by Bartok, Kodaly, Drovak and more.

Sunday, March 22 at 3 pm

Acclaimed Boston pianist Lois Shapiro and Emmanuel Feldman, cello. Tickets available at www.jameslibrary.org and at the door. Sponsored by the Chilman Fund (thank you Peg Carpenter) and the Stewards of the Steinway

Story Slam

Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm

Theme: Hand-Me-Downs. Have a true story about a special recipe that was handed down to you? A piece of clothing or a family tradition that influenced your life? Come tell your five-minute story on the theme of "hand-me-downs" in front of a live audience. Hosted by Andrea Lovett of Massmouth. Tickets available at www.jameslibrary.org.

School Vacation Week - **April 20-24** at 10-11 am

Improv Class for Kids (ages 8-12). A fun class for kids where they stretch their imagination, build confidence and drama skills, led by recent drama grad and Norwell resident Corinne Manning. Call 781-659-7532 for information. Class size is limited.



PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE

As of March 17, pledges have been received from the following individuals and families. **Thank you** for your pledge to "New Beginnings", the FY2016 Pledge Drive. Your generosity and your support of First Parish of Norwell are deeply appreciated.

George and Meredith Atkinson

Scott and Marcia Babcock

Larry and Karen Baker

Bob and Ginnie Bartlett

Paul Borque

Bob and Shirley Bunnell

Phyllis Buell

Sarah Lincoln

John Litchfield

Tim and Kathy Malley

John McCann and Debbie Chase

John Marsh

John and Debi Meddaugh

Mary Mercier

Frank and Libet Callahan
Bill and Staci Carey
Lars and Ingrid Carlson
John and Peg Carpenter
Laurie Brown and Dan Carroll
Jack and Jean Christensen
Phyllis Cohen
Noel Constantino
Paul Coolidge
Patricia Crumley
Bob and Betsey Detwiler
Jefferson and Ryan Detwiler
Susan Donahue
David and Betsey Drollett
Peter and Roberta Fairbanks
Madeline Farrar
Nancy Fuller
Herb and Ellen Fulton
Bernie and Bev Gardner
Scott and Shastin Garland
George and Linda Goodwin
Alex Gordon
Ralph and Betsy Gordon
Jordan and Emily Grant
Clayton and Ellie Handleman
Cathy Harder-Bernier
Bob and Barbara Hickey
Walt and Judy Hall
Carl and Ellen Herling
David and Joyce Hockman
Kevin and Lindsey Houston
Deane and Joanne Howard
Pearl Jayko
Tony and Sue Keady
Chris and Peg Kitchenham
Helen Keeler
Joan Kenworthy
Phil and Diane Koury
Joan Kuhn

Don and Joan Messinger
Jonathan and Amanda Metzger
Prue Miller
Jim and Marie Miller
Jim Millins and Gabe Carroll
Bill and Dorothy Montuori
Ed Mosher and Carol Altshuler
Bob and Carol Neely
Mary Nickerson and Patti Walters
Jill O'Loughlin
Eric and Laura Page
Deborah Peterson
Dan and Cathy Phillips
Harold and Lorna Phillips
Jim and Joyce Pickel
Marta Reese
Deanna Riley
Thad and Elizabeth Robey
Dexter and Sue Robinson
Elizabeth Robinson
Paul and Denise Shaw
Sheila Stockbridge
Sue Sulc
Carol Sullivan
Bob and Mary Lou Sutter
Les and Marlon Taylor
David and Sally Turner
Paul and Netta Vercollone
Jack Wallace
Mark and Judy Witcher
Stan and Jane Wilderoter
Sandra Williams
George and Donna Wilson
David Yampanis and Wendy Prentiss
Tom and Abbie Yardley

With gratitude,
Your Finance Committee

“The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving”
~Albert Einstein



MOVIE NIGHT

"Lincoln" (PG-13)

Saturday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

Parish Hall

Bring your own drinks and snacks



DRUMMING CIRCLE FORMING AT FIRST PARISH !

A drumming circle is beginning on **Sunday, March 22** from 4-5 pm and will run until **Sunday, May 17**. (There will not be a session on Easter, April 5). All levels welcome, no experience required. Just bring your enthusiasm! Bring your own drum or you can share one here. Open to all 13 years old and up. If you want any additional information, please contact Denise Rachel at ppff@thepianoworkshop.com or Ellen Herling at ellen7herling@gmail.com



MEDITATION GROUP

The Meditation Group meets next on **Tuesday, April 14** at 7 pm in the Skylight Room. Meditation is an ancient spiritual practice of mindfulness that leads to greater stress resilience, improved memory and increased empathy. Everyone is welcome whether you have experienced this practice before or are brand new to it. Please join us! Any questions, please contact Ellen Herling at theherlings@comcast.net.



HELEN FOGG SERVICE COMMITTEE

Thank you to Betsey Detwiler for her heart-felt talk about our Romanian Partner Church, Kadacs, on Service/Outreach Sunday on March 15. Thank you also to Sue Robinson who organized the wonderful and delicious potato bar with all those different types of toppings during Coffee Hour. When the plate money and the baked potato bar money were tallied up, we had \$1200! Thank you to all who donated to our church's Romanian partner church. If you weren't there that day and would like to donate money, please send in a check to the office made out to our church with "Partner Church" in the memo line!

Only four more weeks until we have the pleasure of hosting Bill Shultz, the President of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee at our Fogg Lecture (**Sunday, April 12** at 3 pm). We hope to have about a hundred guests from the Boston area, South Shore and the Cape. We have heard that this is the only talk Bill will give in the area this year. Sue Robinson is organizing a china and silver Coffee and Tea Reception for the special occasion. We will need lots of donations of finger foods plus people to set up, hostess and clean up. Remember- it takes a village to run a church!

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

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, March 23:	Search Committee, Fogg Parlor, 12:30-2:30 pm Invested Funds Committee, Office, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 24:	Tai Chi, Parish Hall, 9:15 am
Wednesday, March 25:	Art Appreciation with Bob Sutter, Fogg Parlor, 7:30 pm
Friday, March 27:	Search Committee, Fogg Parlor, 12:30-2:30 pm
Saturday, March 28:	Talent Show, Parish Hall, 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 29:	Drumming Circle, Parish Hall, 4-5 pm
Tuesday, March 31:	Tai Chi, Parish Hall, 9:15 am
Wednesday, April 1:	Alliance Board Meeting, Fogg Parlor, 10 am Social Justice Workshop, Fogg Parlor, 7 pm
Sunday, April 5:	Easter Breakfast, Parish Hall, 8:45 am

The deadline for the next hard-copy edition of The Spire is Monday, March 30, 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.