

# The Spire

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## **Sunday Services – 10:00 am**

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

June 21:

### **Lessons Learned at Norwell**

While it is Father's Day, Rev. Len will talk about his lessons learned. This service will include a dedication of Jim and Marie Miller's grandchildren. If any other families which to join them, please contact Rev. Len.

June 28 at 12 pm:

### **GA Annual Worship Service**

**Rev. Alison Miller** will lead the worship service. Rev. Miller is a lifelong UU with a passion to spread the good news of our faith. She has served the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship as its Senior Minister since 2005. Join us in the Parish Hall as the service is live-streamed from Portland, OR. Due to the time difference between here and the West Coast, the service will start at **noon** here.

**Please see the separate article below about Rev. Lise's worship schedule in late August and early September.**

Below is a list of some local UU churches with a summer worship program. Check with the individual church in the event of last-minute scheduling changes.

Old Ship Church, 107 Main Street (Route 228), Hingham

781-749-1679 or [www.oldshipchurch.org](http://www.oldshipchurch.org)

Lay-led services on Sundays at 10:00 am June 28-September 6. Please note that these services are held in the Parish House, not the church itself.

First Parish Church of Duxbury, 842 Tremont Street (Route 3A), Duxbury

781-934-6532 or [www.duxburyuu.org](http://www.duxburyuu.org)

Starting June 21, lay-led Fisherman's Services on will be held Sundays throughout the summer from 8:00 to 8:30 am on the patio. These are informal services on a variety of topics chosen by the worship leader.

UU Church of Weymouth, 83 Sea Street (corner of Sea Street and Route 3A), Weymouth  
781-335-8504 or [www.uucweymouth.org](http://www.uucweymouth.org)

During the summer, informal services are led by volunteers on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

All Souls UU Church, 196 Elm Street, Braintree  
781-834-1388 or [www.allsoulsbraintree.org](http://www.allsoulsbraintree.org)

Informal and often lay-led services are held at 9:30 am on Sundays from late June through early September.

## NEWS BULLETIN ON AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT FPN!

We are on the brink of a new chapter at First Parish as we await the arrival of our newly-called minister to Norwell in August. Rev. Lise is planning to jump right in by having summer worship services **August 23 and 30**; a potluck continental breakfast with a simple communal project on **Sunday, September 6**; and a Water Communion on Ingathering Sunday, **September 13**. What is a Water Communion, you ask? The following definition is from the UUA website:

“The Water Communion, also sometimes called Water Ceremony, was first used at a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service in the 1980s. Many UU congregations now hold a Water Communion once a year, often at the beginning of the new church year (September). Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. It is often then blessed by the congregation, and sometimes is later boiled and used as the congregation’s ‘holy water’ in child dedication ceremonies and similar events.”

We hope that you will “jump right in” too, by planning to attend some or all of these Sundays, our first steps united “in the bonds of fellowship”.

## CARING CORNER



Congratulations to our new college graduates: Olivia Bourque, Chloe Hager, Morgan Gallagher and Jeremy Phillips!

During the summer weeks when we do not hold formal worship services, your Pastoral Care Team will still be serving the parish. Please keep the minister as well as members of the team aware of any needs.

Also, if you are available to assist in any way – checking in on folks, providing rides or meals – let us know. We currently could use your help providing meals to a church family.

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## SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Office will close for the summer on **Wednesday, June 24**. Hope and Donna will be in the office weekly (usually Wednesday mornings, but not always). They will *not* be checking voicemails or emails remotely. The office will re-open on the Wednesday after Labor Day, **September 9**.



## FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

Please forward any receipts needing reimbursement to Donna McDonald in the Church Office by **Friday morning, June 26**. This will allow her to close out the fiscal year in a timely manner. If you have questions, she may be reached at [donna@firstparishnorwell.org](mailto:donna@firstparishnorwell.org) or 781-659-7122.

## HELEN FOGG SERVICE COMMITTEE



On Service/Outreach Sunday, Les Taylor gave a wonderful short talk about PFLAG in general and the new PFLAG chapter at the Duxbury UU Church. A whopping \$665.00 was collected! If you wish to add to this amount, please send a check to the Church Office, marked “PFLAG” in the memo line. Thank you!

Our budget for 2015-2016 is \$2,000. It was a much better canvass this year! Thank you church! Hopefully, we will be able to get back to \$10,000 or \$15,000 soon!

Wonderful news: our 4<sup>th</sup> Partakers prisoner has received his bachelor’s degree from Boston University! Larry LaMeire joins John Antoine, Carolyn Gunter and Wayne Boston. Larry’s mentors left Norwell at 6:30 am on Thursday, June 4 to attend the formal graduation ceremony at MCI-Norfolk! Phyllis Buell, Peg Carpenter, Jim Pickel and Bev Gardner (and Harry Heineman in spirit) attended along with Larry’s mother and sister-in-law. What a joyous occasion!

Interested in being on the Fogg Service Committee? We will have a 1 1/2 hour retreat this coming Saturday, June 20 from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Fogg Parlor. A light breakfast will be served. Please join us!

Noel Constantino and Beverly Gardner, co-chairs of the Helen Fogg Service Committee  
Members: Jane and Stan Wilderoter, Pat Crumley, Dorothy and Bill Montuori, Mary Mercier, Jack Wallace, Deb Chase, Gabe Carroll, Scott Babcock



## PENNIES FOR A PURPOSE UPDATE

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the hands that have dropped coins into the penny jar over the last several weeks. Together we have raised \$300, which is the equivalent of 30,000 pennies. It is also more than we had anticipated. I spoke with the children who attended the last parish hall program run by Julian about the project. We are donating \$50 to each of the following local food pantries: Marshfield, Scituate, Hingham, Weymouth, Norwell and Hanover. These were chosen because these towns are where the majority of the First Parish children live. We will continue this project through June and pick up again in September. Parents, free to discuss the project with our littlest members of our parish to help them think about service ideas that are important to them. We will continue the conversation in the fall! As Noel said, we have all summer to enjoy the season... and save our pennies! Questions? See Noel Constantino or Gabe Carroll. THANK YOU!



## JAMES LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Open House to Celebrate Caroline Chapin

When: **Friday, June 26** – 2-6 pm

Where: The James Library

Caroline's fifteen years as Director of the James is coming to an end on June 30. We are celebrating her at an Open House party. Stop by! She would love to see you.

Please check the lost and found, located under the Welcome Table outside the Parish Hall. Items not claimed by the end of the church year will be disposed of appropriately. There are also some serving dishes in the kitchen that have been left behind after events.



## YA GOTTA REGATTA!

Saturday, July 12 at or before 9 am

(earlier this year due to the tides!)

Rain date: July 12

Save the date! Bring your canoes and kayaks for a wonderful family day on the North River. Then, keep the fellowship going for a pizza party in the late afternoon. You can join us for either or both parts of the day. Here are the specifics:

### RIVER TRIP:

1. Meet at the Marshfield canoe launch site at the Union Street bridge (Bridge Street in Norwell becomes Union Street when you cross the river). Arrive promptly to have time to get your canoes and kayaks off your car and in the water.
2. Bring your lunch and a beverage. We'll picnic along the way, where we stop for a swim and wait for the tide to turn before heading back to our cars.
3. Don't forget life preservers, sun block and paddles. A camera and binoculars are nice to have, too, if they're waterproof.
4. If you can't canoe or kayak but want to take part in the river trip, we'll have several spaces available on a pontoon boat. These seats fill up early, so call Scott or Marcia Babcock (781-659-2956) to reserve one right away.

### PIZZA PARTY:

1. It's become a tradition to end the evening together - children as well as adults.
2. The party begins at 5:00 pm (*location TBA*)
3. Bring \$5.00/person for pizza and either an appetizer or dessert to share. We'll have soda and lemonade available. Bring any other beverages you'd like.

**QUESTIONS?** Call Scott or Marcia Babcock at 781-659-2956.

Can you provide a pulpit arrangement for an upcoming service? Would you like to host Coffee Hour? How about being an usher? Would you like to assist with lighting the chalice? Please consider signing up and giving us a head start for the upcoming church year! Sign-up sheets are posted in the Parish Hall, or you may contact Hope in the Church Office.



## FROM THE DRE

Hello First Parish!



We're closing in on the end of the year now, and I have to say that it has been a wonderful year. This year we have done good works for organizations like Cradles to Crayons and animal shelters, we have learned about the historic social justice of Unitarian Universalism in our adult classes, we have learned about developing responsible and fulfilling relationships in our Our Whole Lives class, and we've learned about the world's religions and how to be our best selves from our Sunday School classes.

While we officially thanked all of our teachers at the RE service this Sunday, I would like to take this opportunity to give them all a bit more appreciation. Here at First Parish we ask great deal of our teachers. We ask them to bring their passion for life and learning, as well as their time and knowledge. Acting as a teacher and a role model for our children and youth can be a challenging, but also a fulfilling experience, and it is one I am happy to have shared with all of the following teachers: Scott Garland, Abby Yardley, Emily Grant, Meghan Prentiss, Elizabeth Robey, Jordan Grant, Gabe Carroll, Erin Puleio, Tom Yardley, Mary Nickerson, Lindsey Houston, Patti Walters, Thad Robey, Sue Keady, and Amanda Metzger.

As we wrap up this church year, we are also looking forward to the future. Next year we anticipate a great deal of changes and adjustments while we welcome Rev. Lise Sherry into our congregation, and we also are already looking at new possibilities in Religious Education. One key area we are looking to expand is our adult programming. I personally plan to lead two longer running courses, and am already discussing a number of other programs with members who are passionate about different subjects. If you have an idea for a class you would like to lead, or just a subject you are interested in a program on, please contact me.

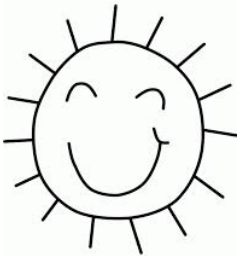
While we may not see each other as much as we'd like over the summer, I invite you all to consider these words from Sophia Fahs as we go our separate ways:

*"We are resolved to protect individual freedom of belief. This freedom must include the child as well as the parent. The freedom for which we stand is not freedom of belief as we please, not freedom to evade responsibility, but freedom to be honest in speech and action, freedom to respect one's own integrity of thought and feeling, freedom to question, to investigate, to try, to understand life and the universe in which life abounds, freedom to search anywhere and everywhere to find the meaning of Being, freedom to experiment with new ways of living that seem better than the old."*

May we all find peace when we need it, knowledge where we seek it, and comfort when we are at our weakest until we are together again.

~Julian Baptista  
Director of Religious Education

## SUMMER TUESDAYS AT FIRST PARISH



Please consider joining in either of these great activities over the summer:

### **Tai Chi**

Classes will continue at 9:15 in the Parish Hall. We began a new four week session on June 9 that will continue through June 30 – but you may “drop in” for \$5 a session. A new four week class will begin on July 21. Contact Sue Robinson

([artsue45@hotmail.com](mailto:artsue45@hotmail.com)) if you would like to be on the email list or if you have any questions.

## Knitters

This chatting and stitching group will continue to gather throughout the summer – using the air conditioned office as needed. Drop in anytime from 9:30 on (the coffee will be on) and stay as your schedule permits. No project necessary to join the conversations! This will be a great way to stay connected to the church family over the summer when services are not held on Sunday.

## GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS!



Thank you to all who donated and purchased items for the Goods and Services Auction on May 30. We had a wonderful evening with Deanna Riley's expert auctioneering and Adrianna McLane's enthusiastic child care. We raised **\$4,145** for the church budget. A list of who purchased items is attached and has been posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall under the TV. A few items are still available and can be purchased by calling or emailing Peg Kitchenham (781-447-5831 or [chrispegk@verizon.net](mailto:chrispegk@verizon.net)).

- Clayton Handleman - 2 sessions of High School Physics tutoring Value \$150 Min. Bid \$50
- Dexter Robinson - Ameba-shaped fiberglass water garden tub 11x3 Value \$400 Min. Bid \$25

### Goods & Services Auction - 2015

#	Donor	Item	Purchaser	Price
1	Parish	Reserved Pew Xmas Eve (2 for first service)	Carroll/Millins	\$20
			Garland	\$25
2	Vercollone	Two car washes \$16 ea.	Gardner	\$25
	2 a.	Verc Gift Certificates of \$25	Kitchenham	\$15
	2 b.	Verc Gift Cert. of \$25	Taylor	\$15
3	Taylor	Afternoon Sail from Scituate, with refreshments on 33' sailboat.	Walters/Nickerson	\$150
4	Bartlett	Dinner for 4 overlooking Pinehills Golf Course	Horton	\$200
5	Goodwin	Chair Caning - 1 chair up to 70 holes	Detwiler	\$50
6	Horton	Yachting for 6 to Martha's Vineyard area. Gourmet lunch & wine.	Kitch/Baker/Pick	\$450
7	Kitchenham	Dinner for 4 guests. Good food, good company.	Linda Miller	\$100
8	Metzger	Indulgence Basket of Chocolate, wine & cheese	Koury	\$60
9	Gardner	3 days & nights in our Eastham house- two miles from ocean beaches near bike trail, Sleeps 7. No pets, smokers or college students.	Carroll/Millins	\$450
10	Horton	Gourmet Dinner for 6, fireside, candlelit, 5 course meal, select wine	Handleman	\$160
11	Atkinson	Craft Lamp - adjustable arm, magnifier for sewing, crafts.	Babcock	\$35
12	Baker	Be our guest for day & overnite of meals, swim, boat, kayak on Hermit Lake in NH. Family of 4 or 2 couples. No pets.	Gardner	\$150
13	Robinson	Ameba-shaped fiberglass water garden tub-pristine condition. 11x3 easy to transport and place in ground. - See photo on wall.	***** Min. Bid \$25	
14	Nahigian	1 Piano Lesson - age 7 to adult "Make Music with Joni"	Garland	\$20
		1 Voice Lesson - age 15 - adult. Experienced Music Director, Soloist	Handleman	\$20
15	Drollett	Fishing Trip for two adults or adult & two children	Wilson	\$175
16	Kitchenham	6 days w/Weekend on Hermit Lake, N.H. Pets ok.	Waters/Nickerson	\$300

		No smoke or college. Sleeps 9		
17	Buell	Accordion - 120 brass Sereuelli, in good working condition	Metzger	\$50
18	Christensen	Cello, lovingly handmade by Jack	Goodwin	\$470
19	Baptista	PA system & DJ for Party	Detwiler	\$50
20	D. Rachel	Piano Tuning	Bartlett	\$100
21	D. Rachel	3 Singing Lessons - Age 5 or older	Welsh	\$50
22	D. Rachel	3 Piano Lessons	Kitchenham	\$45
23	Chase-McCann	Weekend at Vermont log home near Brattleboro. Winter or Summer. Sleeps 6, near 5 ski & hiking mountains & cross country. Electric heat and wood stove for winter. Not avail. Columbus. No pets-college.	Taylor	\$200
24	Detwiler	Betsey will do a 9 x 12 pastel of landscape photo of your choice. (She'll bring sample of her work to the auction.)	Garland	\$200
25	Sutter	French covered casserole, Bazarro Potter, France (used by Picasos)	Altshuler	\$80
26	Sutter	2 Hors d'oeuvres platters		
		a) zebra wood platter	Metzger	\$50
		b) wood canape platter	Handleman	\$10
27	Sutter	Sugar bowl, gorgeous zebra wood and hand made by Bob	Gardner	\$150
28	Fairbanks	A North River cruise for up to 6, drinks & d'oeuvres included	Kitchenham	\$150
29	Howard	Decorative pillow from your fabric	Chase/McCann	\$25
30	Howard	Custom Frame for photo or artwork	Detwiler	\$25
31	Marsh	Bottle of Chianti	Gardner	\$45
		Bottle of Chianti	Carroll/Millins	\$45
32	Detwiler	fresh eggs	Peg Waters	\$5
33	Detwiler	curly lettuce	Chase/McCann	\$3
		romaine lettuce	Linda Miller	\$3
34	Gardner	Key Lime Pie	Detwiler	\$15
35	Handleman	2 sessions of High School Physics tutoring.		**** value \$150 Min. Bid \$50

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FORUM

The Helen Fogg Service Committee is co-sponsoring a forum on "Restorative Justice" on **Wednesday, July 15**, at our church from 7-9 pm. Police, leadership in the district courts, state representatives and senators, schools, and community members are welcome to attend this free event, with light refreshments served.

The program will repeat a forum that was held on May 14 at the State House. Sen. Eldridge of Acton led the program, which featured the director of Communities for Restorative Justice and the police chiefs of Bedford and Concord. They showed an informative a 15-minute film to demonstrate the process. Restorative justice is happening in a dozen communities in Middlesex County, in schools, at police stations, and in courtrooms. It is an alternative for all ages to divert cases from the courts and jails, while giving the offender an opportunity to express remorse and make restitution.

The first step in the process is for the police to refer a case to the Restorative Justice group. The next step is for the victim and offender to agree to participate. The third step is to hold a meeting facilitated by a trained volunteer, to speak of their experiences, impact of the event, and for the offender takes responsibility.

An agreement is reached as to how the offender will make restitution to the victim. In the hundreds of cases that have taken this route over the past decade in Middlesex County, 100 percent of victims



received full restitution, 92 percent of victims were satisfied with the process, and recidivism was only 16 percent, compared to a typical recidivism rate of 40 percent or more.

We hope you are able to attend this informative event and learn about alternatives to the traditional justice system. For information, please contact Susan Tordella, 978-772-3930, [emit.susan@gmail.com](mailto:emit.susan@gmail.com). This event is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network. The event is co-sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network, First Parish of Norwell Unitarian Universalist, Communities for Restorative Justice and State Sen. Jamie Eldridge.



## FIRST PARISH BOOK GROUP

The bookworms of the First Parish Book Group are taking the month of July off. They will return on August 5 at 7 pm to discuss *The Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty. By all accounts, especially his own, Smithson “Smithy” Ide is a loser. An overweight, friendless, chain-smoking, forty-three-year-old drunk, Smithy’s life becomes completely unhinged when he loses his parents and long-lost sister within the span of one week. Rolling down the driveway of his parents’ house in Rhode Island on his old Raleigh bicycle to escape his grief, the emotionally bereft Smithy embarks on an epic, hilarious, luminous, and extraordinary journey of discovery and redemption. To see the other books they’ve chosen for the upcoming church year, just visit the FPN website: <http://www.firstparishnorwell.org/adulted.html>.

The full First Parish calendar can be accessed online at the website by selecting “News” on the toolbar, then scrolling to the calendar option. The deadline for the Summer Spire is **Monday, August 10**. It will be mailed on August 12. Regular publication will resume in September.