

The Spire

The Newsletter of
First Parish of Norwell

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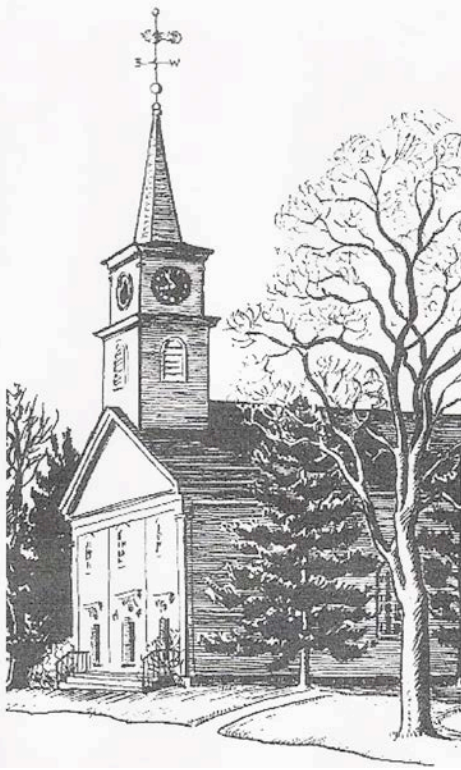
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Sunday Services – 10:00 am

Rev. Dr. Leonard DeRoche preaching
unless otherwise indicated

May 31: **Membership Sunday**
What is membership worth? We recognize our members.

June 7: **Einstein's God**
We will investigate the theology of one of the great minds of the 20th Century.

June 14: **RE Sunday**
For those who would like a tour of the parsonage kitchen we can go over after service.

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 child dedication of Jim and Marie Miller's grandchildren. If any other families which to join them, please contact Rev. Len.

June 28: **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.

OFFICE HOURS (September to mid-June):

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am-1 pm

Friday: 9 am-12 pm

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Co-Chairs: Jim Pickel and Deanna Riley

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Treasurer: Marta Reese

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The deadline for the next issue of THE SPIRE is **Monday, June 15** (email version). Submissions may be emailed to Hope at office@firstparishnorwell.org, or dropped off in the church office.

ROSE AND COLUMN



I plan to be at the Parsonage most of July, so in case of an emergency feel free to contact me on the parsonage phone

number, 781-659-7288.

If you have any herb plants that you are thinning, I am creating an herb garden for Lise up against the house by the new entrance. Just stop over some time and put the herb in the ground.

I felt this year has been a lot of fun, and we got a lot of small things accomplished. The Men's Group meets most months. A small number of men meet every week at Sam's Restaurant in Scituate for breakfast. We've established ourselves as being more welcoming these last two years; the rainbow flag on the front of the church, and the church is listed on a website that notes safe public bathrooms for transgendered people. All of our facilities have been improved; the Parsonage kitchen being the largest project. But there also many small projects too, like the new signage, the new hymn supplement, a new mixer for the sound system, the media center in the in the Parish Hall, a new floor in the Kent House and the Persian rug in the Fogg Parlor. Many of these projects come to us from sweat equity. These are some of the unseen heroes of your congregation. The plants and flowers and landscaping that mysteriously appears thanks to Daleann Awalt and Shelley Vaugine. The signage and new coat racks are the result of work by Joyce Pickel. The new deck on the Parsonage was thanks to Don Messinger, Jim Mullins, and Jordan Grant. We've had all those wonderful meals for events that appear thanks to the help of Noel Constantino, Bev Gardener, Tommie Magazu, Jim Miller, Don Messinger, Carol Neely, Roberta Fairbanks, Marie Miller, the Kitchenhams and so many more.

You've expanded your social events with things like movies thanks to the Herlings, and talent shows and dances thanks to the efforts of Amanda

Metzger and the RE Committee. You had your bowling and your golf tournament, all through the efforts of dedicated people.

Your music on Sundays and at memorial services is thanks not only to professionals like Ginky and Frank, but also to the talent like Rae Stephenson, John McCann, Molly Twite, Mike Sanborn, Alex Gordon, George Goodwin, Denise Rachel and so many others. I also recognize the great support I received from ushers like Jim Millins, the Taylors and Montuoris. I recognized too those who work in the children's RE classes who I unfortunately did not get to work directly with very often; like the Robeys, Erin Puleio, the Yardleys, Amanda Metzger, the Garlands, the Houstons and Gabe Carroll and so many more than I can think of right now.

I'd like to also recognize two years with outstanding Parish Committees. You have been the lifeblood of my two years of ministry with you. I thank you. Those not mentioned, you have not been forgotten, you are just a senior moment.

Well, as I write I still don't know where I'm going, but I know I'm going somewhere. Thank you for such a wonderful year.

Yours in faith and love!
Len



CARING CORNER

Thank you for all the support provided for the collation following the service in celebration of the life of Robert Detwiler. The church showed its love and support for Betsey and family. Whether you brought food, poured tea, arranged flowers or ushered, please know that your hard work was noticed and deeply appreciated.

Condolences to the family of Dan Buckley, a former member of this congregation, who passed away recently.

Your Pastoral Care Team continues to assist families in the church for various reasons. If you can provide a meal, a ride, a visit, a phone call - please contact Sue Robinson, Joanne Howard, Joyce Hockman or Betsey Detwiler. If you know of a need, please let us know.

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



First Parish of Norwell is putting together a project team to plan and implement the installation of Rev. Lise Adams Sherry as our 29th settled minister. If you can contribute time this summer/fall to help with this project, please contact Deanna Riley (781-837-4964 or drileymar@verizon.net) or Jim Pickel (508-746-4647 or jpickel@thayer.org). Thanks!



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**.





**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:

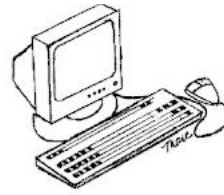
RIVER TRIP:

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.



Periodically, the Church Office sends all-church email "blasts" to remind the church community of upcoming events or late-breaking church news. An emailed mini-Spire is also distributed between editions of the printed Spire. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, or if your email address has changed recently, please take a moment to email Hope in the Church Office at office@firstparishnorwell.org.



**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 or 781-659-7122.

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N. Dexter Robinson
Norwell, Massachusetts
Parish Clerk



TAI CHI CLASSES CONTINUING

Our popular Tai Chi and Qigong classes continue on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 am at the church's Parish Hall.

Drop in at any time. The current four week session finishes **June 2**. A new four week session will run June 9, 16, 23, and 30. The fee of \$20 (\$5 per session) is payable to instructor Mike Showstack at the first class. No special equipment, clothing, or shoes are needed. New students are welcome at any time and prior registration is not necessary – so invite friends and neighbors.

We hope to continue classes through the summer. Contact Sue Robinson for additional information at artsue45@hotmail.com or 781-294-8840.

A SPECIAL PLEA FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

The Church Office is a busy place – besides coordinating the activities and operations of a busy parish, meetings are held here, visitors are greeted, etc.

If you are attending a meeting in the office, kindly dispose of your used coffee cups and leftover snacks, and return the furniture to its original arrangement. Please turn off the lights and lock the door behind you.

If you need to leave an item in the office, please take a moment to label it or leave us a note about it. Is someone picking it up? Should we file it? Mail it? Reorder it?

While we happily share our office with all of you, please do respect our personal work areas. Please refrain from changing the height on our desk chairs. Please don't take our last pen or pencil. Please leave our computers alone; Hope came in Tuesday morning and found that someone had turned her keyboard and mouse off.

With gratitude,
Hope Weinman, Office Administrator
Donna McDonald, Bookkeeper



JAMES LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

REFLECTIONS ON THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH 2015

In the Gallery

The Norwell High School Art Show runs June 2 to 30. Opening reception will be held **Tuesday, June 2** from 5-7 pm.

Norwell Summer Fest

Saturday, June 13

The James will be open from 2-6 pm during Summer Fest hosting tours of the building. The gallery will feature the Norwell High School Art show, and our music instructors will be out on our lawn with volunteers sharing information about music lessons, our upcoming season and the Fall Historic House Tour.

Save the Date!

The James has been selected by the Norwell Historical Commission to host the bi-annual Norwell Historic House Tour on **Friday, October 2**. A committee is already hard at working creating an event that will feature tours of eight Main Street homes and the artisan boutique at the Cushing Center. Proceeds from the tour will directly benefit the James.



WE ARE ALL INVITED!

After serving as the Executive Director of the James for fifteen years, Caroline Chapin is stepping down at the end of June. Please

drop by the James Library to say goodbye to her during an Open House on **Friday, June 26** from 3 to 5 pm. She has truly done a great job in her stewardship of the James and making it a vibrant center for the arts. She will be missed but we do wish her much happiness ahead!



As our Ministerial Search has concluded, we would like to reflect upon the process that consumed so much of our time and energy for the past year. At first it seemed daunting that we seven members of First Parish of Norwell were entrusted with the immense responsibility of finding the right ministerial candidate for our congregation. With so many varying opinions and desires, it seemed as though it would be a challenge. However, with the compiled information from our Survey and Cottage Meetings, we had a good idea of how to at least begin to search for a match for our congregational needs.

When we began this process, our church members at First Parish of Norwell were encouraged to offer their ideas about our future ministry, and provide input to the Search Committee about the needs of our congregation. Our Search Committee welcomed open communication and transparency as a part of this process. The Search Committee was accessible to listen to all concerns and made notes of the suggestions to be considered in the Search. Every voice counted and was valued!

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and encouragement throughout the process. The fact that you all trusted us to embark on this journey was so empowering. We always put the needs of our collected congregation above our individual needs, in determining the right match for us throughout this selection process. Your voices were heard and considered as we searched in earnest to fulfill the needs that you transparently conveyed to us.

The high quality candidates whom we screened were inspiring, as was their sincerity to their call to the ministry. Among the ministerial leaders that emerged was Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, whom we felt embodied the characteristics that our parish decided were of great importance for our church leadership. Her impressive warmth, intelligence,

and eagerness were immediately recognized and embraced by our entire committee. We are so VERY proud of our work together in our selection of the most deserving candidate whom we are certain will serve us with all the intentions we need as a congregation to move forward cohesively and restore our church community.

In the bonds of fellowship, we will all grow together in our ministry with Rev. Lise, just as our congregation did when Rev. Dick Fewkes was called by us, arriving fresh out of Divinity School. Rev. Lise has a little more experience than Rev. Fewkes when he first began. However, this is a new beginning for all of us to collaborate, share, grow, and prosper with a fresh new ministry full of hope, promise, and possibilities. We are ready to begin this new chapter of First Parish of Norwell with eagerness, enthusiasm and pride. Yes, indeed, we have a lot to celebrate.

What a wonderful journey we completed together! We cherish the friendships that were carved from our work together, trusting, caring, and supporting each other throughout this process. Thank-you for providing us the opportunity to serve on this Settled Ministerial Search Committee and for your vote of confidence in agreeing with us, as we called Rev. Lise Adams Sherry to our First Parish family!

From the Search Committee Co-Chairs
Bernie Gardner and Marie Miller

MEN'S DINNER

The next men's dinner will be held at David Drollett's home (10 Windy Hill Lane, Duxbury, 781-934-6672) on **Monday, June 1** at 6:30 pm. He will provide the main course; BYOB and a dish to share. Please RSVP to dbwindyhill@gmail.com.

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.



COME TO THE AUCTION (OR PLACE AN E-BID)

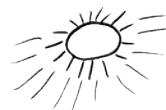
Saturday, May 30 at 6:30 PM

Newly donated items are:

- Piano tuning, singing & piano lessons by Denise Rachel
- PA System & DJ for a party by Julian
- A fishing trip for 2 or 3 with the Drollets
- Dinner with the Bartletts at the Pine Hills
- Gardner's Cottage, Eastham on the Cape
- An overnight at Bakers's cottage, Hermit Lake, NH.
- An accordion and a cello
- Sailing with the Taylors
- Craft lamp and gift baskets.

A full list of donations to date is enclosed in this newsletter (on the back of the calendar). We will e-mail any additions at the end of the week. Don't miss the fun! We supply dessert, wine and coffee and invite you to bring a close friend. Child care is available in the Skylight Room with Adrianna McLane.

If you can't attend, absentee bids can be e-mailed or called in to Peg Kitchenham at chrispegk@verizon.net or 781-447-5831.



FROM THE DRE

Hello First Parish!



We're coming right up to the end of our church year, and your RE committee has been working hard to get everything set up for when church starts back up in September. Mandy Metzger, our RE chair has already recruited most of the teachers we need, and all of us are brainstorming about which curricula to bring to all of our classes next year to make our

Sunday School even better. Of course we can always use extra volunteers, so if you're interested in being a teacher, or just working with the kids every so often, please contact Julian or Mandy.

Coming right up on **Sunday, June 14** will be the RE-led service. This will be a great service for all ages with music from a number of our talented youth. We will be presenting our RE teachers with a token of our appreciation for their work over the year. We will also be presenting our high school seniors with chalices to take with them to college, and congratulating them on their accomplishments. Finally, I will be preaching a sermon on every day spiritual practices for centering and peaceful thought.

Through June things will be a little quieter, but we still have two more sessions of our adult social justice program, "Resistance and Transformation". Our last two classes will discuss the movement towards GLBT rights (June 3), and then the overall role of UUs in social justice work and how we can all be more involved in making the world a better place (June 17). Our classes are all self-contained, and start at 7:00pm in the Fogg Parlor.

One of our focuses for next year in the RE program is to build up our programs for adults further. To this end, Julian will be leading two different longer form classes (exact topics TBA), and we are also looking for people who are passionate about different topics to lead one-off classes on passions of theirs. For example, this year Bob Sutter ran a class on Art Appreciation from a different perspective than the typical college course. We know that the knowledge of our church community is incredibly vast, and we would love to bring more of these passions out to our community. If you have a topic you are interested in leading a 1-2 hour class on, please contact DRE Julian Baptista at (JulianBaptistaMusic@gmail.com).

Finally, we're also considering running more regular social events for all ages during the next church year. Some of these possibilities include: Family Game Nights, Movie Nights, and Group

Singing. If you have additional suggestions, or wish to organize one of these events, please contact Julian.

Thank you all for a wonderful year at First Parish of Norwell. I know I'm looking forward to everything in our last month. See you at church!

Julian Baptista
Director of Religious Education

GOLF TOURNAMENT NETS \$1,810

Forty-four golfers, friends, and hole sponsors raised \$1,810 for the church coffers at the 2015 First Parish Annual Golf Tournament held May 16 at the Squirrel Run Golf Course in Plymouth. Golf was followed by a dinner of barbecued swordfish and steak in the Parish Hall for 36 diners.

Seven teams of three golfers each vied for the chance to claim victory. With a winning score of two under par, the team of Sarah, Justin and John Meddaugh claimed the silver Champions' Chalice for 2015. Just one stroke back, the team of Ross Fairbanks, Peter Fairbanks and Bernie Gardner took second place. Third place was won by Joanne Howard, Dean Howard and Chris Kitchenham at even par. Jackie Garceau hit the longest drive for women and Jim Pickel hit the longest drive for men. Deane Howard and Carol Altshuler won the closest to the pin prizes for men and women.

Special thanks to Roberta Fairbanks and Debi Meddaugh for setting up and organizing the delicious dinner and to the following Hole Sponsors: Cathy and Dan Phillips, Karen and Larry Baker, Roberta and Peter Fairbanks, Beverly and Bernie Gardner, Sally and David Turner, Bill Sheehan, Arthur Garceau, Corina and Chris Silva, Meg Mattern, Peg and John Carpenter, and Virginia and Bob and Bartlett. Finally, thanks to everyone who brought an appetizer, dessert and helped with the cleanup.

We hope to see even more golfers, hole sponsors, and diners in 2016.

The Golf Committee



HELEN FOGG SERVICE COMMITTEE

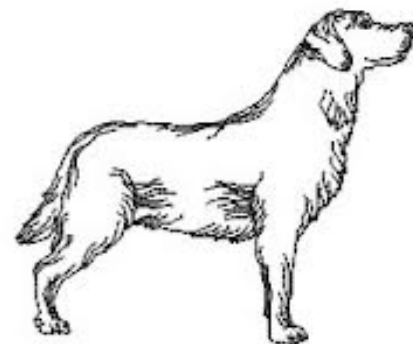
Thank you to Noel Constantino for the short talk at our May 17 service on the Norwell VNA's hospice home in Hingham, the Pat Roche Hospice Home. Thank you to parishioners who donated \$480.00 to the hospice home!

We have almost come to the end of our "no budget" year and hope that the church Canvas has gone well, so our and other committee budgets will

be reinstated. Usually, we have \$10,000-\$15,000 with which to work. Wouldn't you like to be able to help us decide how we spend that money and to have an official say in Helen Fogg Service Committee projects? Please consider volunteering to join the Helen Fogg Service Committee! There is only one meeting after church per month and a short "retreat" at the end of the year. Please consider this!

Want to help out in devastated Nepal? The UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) has a good way to ensure that your donated money will go to good causes. From the UUSC's website: "Even before the casualty figures started coming in, the horrific images told the story — this struggling country has suffered a devastating blow, and its people need our help. Immediately. With Nepal's record of poor infrastructure, relief and recovery efforts are certain to face significant challenges. That is one reason that UUSC and the UUA are launching a special joint appeal for Nepal relief work. As is our practice with international disaster relief, UUSC will take the lead in distributing funds where they can do the most good, directing support toward people who are left out of mainstream relief efforts. For more information, please visit <http://www.uusc.org/donate#sthash.wJ4bu1UU.dpuf>."

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



Goods & Services Auction - 2015

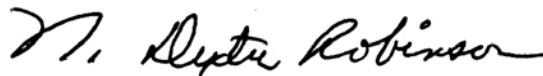
#	Donor	Item	Min. Bid	Value
1	Parish	Reserved Pew Xmas Eve (one for each service)	Min. \$ 10	Priceless
2	Vercollone	Two car washes \$16 ea.	Min. \$ 20	\$36
		Two VERC Gift Certificates of \$25 each	Min. \$ 30	
3	Taylor	Afternoon Sail from Scituate,with refreshments on 33' sailboat.	Min. \$ 100	\$200
4	Bartlett	Dinner for 4 overlooking Pinehills Golf Course	Min. \$ 200	\$300
5	Goodwin	Chair Caning - 1 chair, up to 70 holes	Min. \$ 50	\$100
6	Horton	Yaching for 6 to Martha's Vineyard area. Gourmet lunch & wine.	Min. \$ 300	\$600
7	Kitchenham	Dinner for 4 guests. Good food, good company.	Min. \$ 100	\$150
8	Metzgar	Indulgence Basket of Chocolate, wine & cheese	Min. \$ 50	\$100
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.	Min. \$ 300	\$600
10	Horton	Gourmet Dinner for 6, fireside, candlelit, 5 course meal, select wine	Min. \$ 150	\$300
11	Atkinson	Craft Lamp - w/ adjustable arm, magnifier for sewing, crafts.	Min. \$ 25	\$120
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.	Min. \$ 150	\$200
13	Robinson	Ameba-shaped fiberglass water garden tub-pristine condition.11x3 easy to transport and place in ground. - See photo on wall.	Min. \$ 25	\$400
14	Nahigian	1 Piano Lesson - age 7 to adult "Make Music with Joni"	Min. \$ 20	\$30
		1 Voice Lesson - age 15 - adult. Experienced Music Director, Solist	Min. \$ 20	\$40
15	Drollett	Fishing Trip for two adults or adult & two children	Min. \$ 100	\$300
16	Kitchenham	6 days w/Weekend on Hermit Lake, N.H. Pets ok. No smoke or college. Sleeps 9	Min. \$ 300	\$600
17	Buell	Accordion - 120 brass Sereuelli, in good working condition	Min. \$ 50	\$100
18	Christensen	Cello, lovingly handmade by Jack	Min. \$ 100	\$200-500
19	Baptista	PA system & DJ for Party	Min. \$ 40	\$150
20	D. Rachel	Piano Tuning	Min. \$ 75	\$130
21	D. Rachel	3 Singing Lessons - Age 5 or older	Min. \$ 45	\$90
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FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT IS BACK!

The annual First Parish bowling night will be held on **Saturday, June 6** from 7 - 8pm. This is a fun event for ALL ages, including young kids. Join in the fun of candlepin bowling at Boston Bowl in Hanover on Route 139, just west of Route 53 and the CVS. The cost for bowlers, including bowling shoes, is a flat \$9 per person. Please RSVP to Les Taylor at 781-837-2929 or lestaylor@me.com.