



The Spire

The Newsletter of
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Sunday Services - 10:00 am

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry
preaching unless otherwise indicated

September 10:
**Multigenerational Water Communion Service
and Blessing of the Backpacks**

Welcome to our multigenerational ingathering service. Remember to bring some water from a source that enriches your soul as we mingle our water once again to symbolize our wonderful community. We'll also wish our youth well as they begin another school year through a blessing of the backpacks.

September 17: (Outreach Sunday)
Disabilities - Seen and Unseen

We will recognize and install our wonderful religious education teachers for the year. This is also an Outreach Sunday. Money collected during our offering will go to The James Library for their accessibility renovation.

September 24:

**What Did You Do
with Your \$20?**
Scott Babcock, worship leader

Remember last June when our Helen Fogg Service Committee gave each family \$20? This service is dedicated to finding out all the wonderful helping and spiritually enriching ways that folks sent their \$20 out into the world. After our service, join us for Coffee Hour hosted by and held at the James Library.

October 1:

The Inherent Worth and Dignity of All

Our first Unitarian Universalist principle calls on us to value all people. This can be difficult to put into action, especially if we disagree with someone's opinion or they have committed acts that are difficult to forgive. Some in our movement would like us to extend this principle to all living beings, not just human. Is this our next step?



**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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Chair: Les Taylor

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Nickerson and Jim Pickel*

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Minister Emeritus: *Rev. Richard M. Fewkes*

The deadline for the next issue of THE SPIRE is **Monday, October 2, 2017**. Submissions should be emailed to Hope at office@firstparishnorwell.org.

LISE'S LETTER

Welcome to September! I am so looking forward to seeing all of you together in one place after the ebb and flow of our summer activities. I hope you found some refreshment during this summer of challenging world events. I say this because the general sense I get from people is that they are tired. So much has been happening on the world stage: natural disasters, political debate, terrorists attempting to inspire fear. It's a lot to take in while still continuing to live day-to-day with work obligations, family needs, self-care, and volunteer aspirations. Sometimes the best thing we can do to cope is just take a break from as much of it as possible- turn off the news, work from home, order pizza and sleep or watch a fun movie on Netflix.

And then there's church. First Parish of Norwell runs mostly on volunteer work- this is true. We can't do a lot of what we do without congregational help and inspiration. But part of the joy of being in community and covenant, is that we have agreed to be with each other on the journey whether that means we've been elected to the Parish Committee or we desperately need to take a break to simply enjoy Sunday services and soak in all the smiles, kind words and caffeine at Coffee Hour. While we hope most people find greater community and a sense of purpose in their volunteer activities at FPNUU, we also recognize the right to say no when asked to help because sometimes we simply can't do One. More. Thing. That right to decline is written clearly in the Right Relations Covenant the congregation approved last June. (*The Right Relations Covenant is also included in this issue, starting on page 8.*)

So, if you're feeling weary, simply come to church on Sunday mornings. Listen to the series on our Principles and Sources. Smile, sing, greet one another. If you feel inclined, join us for a religious education class. Perhaps you simply need a social activity to

chat with some friends. We have those, too. When and if the spirit moves you, or your brain cells get excited, join in the “work” of our congregation by finding an activity that calls to you. Or don’t. Ebbs and flows are all around us. Simply being present is enough.

With love and blessings,
Rev. Lise



CARING CORNER

Congratulations to Peter and Roberta Fairbanks, who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on August 26!

Many thanks to Ellen Fulton for sharing this link to a recent article in the Patriot Ledger on Maddy Farrar’s 90th birthday: <http://www.patriotledger.com/blogs/20170830/honoring-maddy-farrar-of-norwell-on-her-90th>

Katherine “Carrie” Cole, daughter of Len and Meryl Cole, died this spring in Florida. Carrie was active in First Parish as a child and was very engaged with the youth group. Her brother, Greg, is arranging for a private family interment in our Memorial Garden next week. Please ask Rev. Lise for more information.

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, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Marcia Babcock, Noel Constantino, Betsey Detwiler, Joanne Howard and Joyce Hockman).



LES TAYLOR TO SPEAK ON RIO OLYMPIC GAMES

Please join the Alliance on **Wednesday, September 20** at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Les Taylor will present his experiences from his trip to Rio de Janeiro in August 2016 to attend the Olympic Summer Games. Over his 10-day visit, both he and Marlon experienced the sights, sounds and excitement of the games, attending various events and exploring all that Rio has to offer. All are most welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



START WITH TAI CHI!

As part of adult programming to the congregation and greater community, First Parish of Norwell continues its popular Tai Chi/Qigong class.

Tai Chi/Qigong is an ancient Taoist system of exercise to preserve health, mind and body and to cultivate physical and spiritual harmony within oneself. It is a meditation in motion, balance and harmony. Practiced daily, it is an excellent stress management technique. Mike Showstack, instructor, has over 25 years experience in Shaolin Hung Gar Tiger Crane Kung Fu and Yang Tai Chi Chuan. He teaches extensively throughout the South Shore area. (www.wuliacademy.com or 508-254-2587)

Beginning **Tuesday, September 12**, we will offer an **8 week** session for \$50 (payable at the first class) that will conclude on October 31st. The class meets in the Parish Hall from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Many folks do the class and then stay for the knitting group. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue Robinson at 781-294-8840 or artsue45@hotmail.com. Mike would like a group of at least 8 folks committed to the class. New students are welcome - so invite friends and neighbors.

FROM THE PARISH COMMITTEE CHAIR

I am honored to have been re-elected Chair of FPN's governing board as we conclude our 375th year and launch into fiscal year 2018. On behalf of the Parish Committee, welcome back to church everyone! We are looking forward to a stimulating and eventful year together as we continue "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning" (according to our UUA's 4th Principle).

We are delighted to have two terrific additions to the Parish Committee this year: Amanda Metzger and Gabe Millins. Over the summer, we met as a group several times, including at our annual retreat held on August 27. We were blessed once again by the generosity of board member, Jim Pickel, and his wife, Joyce, in opening their beautiful pond-side home in Plymouth for our retreat. It was a glorious day as we conducted the entire six hour meeting outside on their deck, taking in the shimmering pond and the beauty of nature around us. Our other elected committee members continuing on are Mary Nickerson, Dave Hockman and Scott Garland. At the retreat we were joined by our spiritual leader, Rev. Lise, and our brand-new DRE, Jessie Slade.

It was a productive afternoon retreat: we got to know each other better through personal sharing; we reviewed our Parish Committee Mission Statement and Covenant; we reviewed last year's work; and then spent considerable time on goal setting for FY18. Like last year, we are maintaining four overarching goals, but with a few tweaks:

- Support plans to further church growth in various ways while enriching & deepening the meaning of membership
- Increase giving (of time, talent, treasure) in the congregation
- Encourage leadership and commitment including the church committees
- Create a strong presence for FPN in the local community and denomination, including service to others

Within these topics, we have added both new goals and carrying over goals from FY17. In addition, we are incorporating the four excellent suggestions in our work this year which were provided to the Parish Committee at June's Annual Meeting. Speaking of that particular meeting, we are also going to be seeking a vote this fall regarding proposed church By-law changes that we discussed as a congregation back in early June. However, our committee would further like to solicit further feedback from the Parish, so toward that end, we have set a fall Cottage Meeting following church on October 1. In addition, members may feel free to email me this month with any comments, ideas, questions and suggestions regarding the proposed changes presented last spring. The proposed changes are included in the Spire starting on page 10.

Your Parish Committee is ready for this church year, as we represent the interests of the church, develop church policy and much more. We appreciate hearing from you, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you!

In fellowship and love,
Les Taylor

We are a Welcoming Congregation! We have taken part in the UUA program to become more inclusive and welcoming towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender and queer people.





FROM THE DRE

Hello First Parish,

I hope that you are all enjoying these last beautiful warm days of summer! I have

completed my first full month as First Parish's DRE and it has been a joy to hit the ground running among so many upbeat, thoughtful, and caring community members. So many of you have reached out to me with warm words of welcome, gratitude, and a vote of confidence. I thank you all for helping me to transition smoothly into my new role as your DRE. Much work has been done in a short amount of time and of course, I am looking forward to what lies ahead. Knowing that I am working with such a wonderfully committed and loving parish makes my role all the more enjoyable- thank you!

So what's happening in RE? First Parish religious education rotates through three themed cycles: Unitarian Universalism, World Religions, Judeo-Christian. This year's focus is Unitarian Universalism. Of course, teachings from various religions will inherently be part of our year, as our sources and principles naturally guide us to consider alternative ideas. The following curricula have been carefully selected and adapted to meet the specific needs of our congregation. I have created a "road map" of sorts for teachers with additional projects, activities, and lessons. My hope in all of this is to support our children's learning and our teacher's efforts, both of which are central to my work as your DRE!

Our elementary class will serve grades 1-4 this year. The RE Committee met over the summer to discuss the possibility of combining our two youngest classes so as to create a larger group and provide for more dynamic learning opportunities in a mixed-age setting. This was not an easy decision to make. Meeting the needs of our children is our top priority and having a large age-range requires

careful consideration when choosing a curriculum. The UUA's *Tapestry of Faith Love Will Guide Us* curriculum will serve as the foundational curriculum for this class.

Our children in grades 5-6 will be working with *The Questing Year* curriculum. This curriculum leads early adolescents on four quests converging on themes of faith development and social action.

- UU Quest - Exploring UU (UU people, principles, UU involvement in the world, talking about being UU)
- Action Quest - Focusing on specific social action groups and change-makers in our world
- Inner Quest - Discovering oneself in the context of larger community
- Mystery Quest - Exploring spiritually, discovering beliefs, experimenting

The Questing Year is all about pondering big questions in a nurturing environment where kids feel valued, safe, and supported. The work is engaging and fun, keeping minds and hands very busy!

Our 7th and 8th graders will be working with the *Coming of Age* and *Neighboring Faith's* curriculum. *Neighboring Faith's* is grounded in true experiential learning as children ask questions about a religion, gain foundational knowledge, and then spend time interviewing people of that faith and actually visiting a faith service of that religion. This year's visits will include Islam, Baptist, and Judaism, along with several others to be determined by child interest. The *Coming of Age* component of the curriculum allows for stronger community building among these adolescents, providing a safe space for everyone. This curriculum is also the foundation for each child's culminating project of a personal credo, which is a self-reflection piece created using whatever methods and mediums the child chooses.

Our high schoolers are invited to be part of our multi-congregational Youth Group including members from Scituate, Cohasset, and Rockland. Youth Group is a time and

place where teens can completely be themselves and are valued for their diversity and individuality, just as they are. This is a time to be real, explore identity in all its forms, support each other, listen, share, hang out, and also make great things happen. Youth Group allows teens to put their UU values into action, planning outings, projects, and conferences. Teens build self-awareness, confidence and friendships as they make the world a better place just by being themselves... together.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year full of spiritual and intellectual growth for all, including myself! Thank you all for being part of the First Parish RE village. Our children are fortunate to have you!

Upcoming Dates

September 10: Water Communion and Blessing of the Backpacks - Be sure your children bring their backpacks to church!

September 17: RE Teacher Installation - RE classes begin

September 24: Share - What did you do with your \$20 for good service and works?

October 6: FIRST FRIDAYS Potluck and Game Night! (5:30 pm in the Parish Hall)

RE Registration: Please do so as soon as possible using the link that was emailed to you in August

Warmly,
Jessie



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

“Come, come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving. Ours is no caravan of despair, come, yet again come!”
-Rumi

Every fall I look forward to returning to church and this year is no exception. It will be good to gather again among familiar and new faces. All are welcome in the beautiful

community at First Parish of Norwell! I'm looking forward to seeing the ways in which we grow together this upcoming year!

A sign-up sheet is now on the *name tag* board for those who do not yet have a new blue nametag. This applies to newcomers as well as those who have the old-style name tags.

Members of Parish Committee will be serving as weekly *Sunday greeters* this year. If you wish to join them, please sign up in the Parish Hall on the pink-ish bulletin board on the wall under the television set. All are welcome to participate!

Membership committee will be reaching out to friends and newcomers who may be considering *becoming a member* of the church. Rev. Lise will be hosting a *conversation about Membership* this fall and all are welcome!

Keep an eye out for an upcoming *bulletin board of pictures and stories* of new members and friends! Names of the camera shy will be posted with permission. We plan for the story board to be in the hallway near the coat hooks for all to see.

Thank you for all you do for the First Parish of Norwell community! Every little thing counts. Thank you for being present in so many varied ways.

With gratitude,
Gabrielle Millins,
Membership Committee chair

FALL COTTAGE MEETING ON FPN's BYLAWS

To continue the discussion from the church's June Annual Meeting, the Parish Committee would like to receive additional feedback regarding future possible Bylaw changes related primarily to non-discriminatory statements and membership. Please join us for the *only* cottage meeting scheduled this fall on **Sunday, October 1** following Coffee

Hour at 11:30 am in the Fogg Parlor. Childcare will be provided. The list of proposed changes from this past spring is printed in this Spire as a review, starting on page 10. Should you be unable to attend the cottage meeting, feedback regarding the proposed Bylaws may be sent to Les Taylor, Chair of the Parish Committee, by October 1 via email to lestaylor@me.com.



FIRST PARISH BOOK GROUP

What's *almost* as good as reading books? Talking about books! All are welcome at our discussions, held the first Wednesday of the month in the Fogg Parlor at 7 pm.

October 4: "The Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

November 1: "A Piece of the World" by Christina Baker Kline

December 6: "Goodnight, Mr. Wodehouse" by Faith Sullivan

Our full year's schedule of books can be found on our website at <http://www.firstparishnorwell.org/adulted.html>.



ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Join us for adult RE on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12 pm in the Fogg Parlor. Our first Tuesday together will be **September 12**, and the topic will be Spirit in Practice- an exploration of different spiritual practices. We'll also have evening and/or weekend offerings about Native American culture and de-centering whiteness/race issues. Rev. Lise and other adults will be leading these classes as our Director of Religious Education's (DRE) job portfolio has changed. Let Rev. Lise know if there's a topic you'd like to explore! Please keep reading the Spire and iSpi for updates.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee will meet on **Sunday, September 10**, the first week of church, at 11:30 am. Newcomers are welcome. We especially want to know what younger families would enjoy.

Mark these upcoming events on your calendar now:

Saturday, September 23: All-Church Potluck Supper & Trivia Night

Saturday, October 28: Halloween Dance & Potluck for all ages. Costume optional!

Saturday, November 18: Holiday Fair

Please join us for our meetings (usually the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 am) and for all these events.

Peg Kitchenham
Activities Chair



ATTENTION, COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

Please send a list of your current committee members to Hope in the Church Office. As well, the church calendar fills up quickly, to contact Hope to reserve your meeting space.



JAMES LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The South Shore Woodturners return to the James on Friday, September 15, and will be on view through October 18. The opening reception is free and open to the public and will take place at the James from 6 to 8 pm. All are welcome! Visit www.jameslibrary.org for more information on any of the James' events.

The Church Office is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm, and 9 am to noon on Fridays. Hope is in all four days, and Donna is in on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

REQUEST FOR UPDATED COMMITTEE PHOTOS

We will be updating FPN's committee photos in the Parish Hall this fall. If you have an updated photo of your committee for the 2017-2018 church year, please submit them to Les Taylor at lestaylor@me.com. Thank you!



FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

The Church Office is a busy place- answering phones, greeting visitors, and coordinating the myriad activities of a busy parish. To

help us to better help you:

- If you are attending a meeting in the office, please reset the furniture to its usual arrangement at the end and dispose of your empty cups and plates.
- Please respect Hope's and Donna's workspaces. They are happy to lend their scissors, scotch tape, pens etc. as long as the items get returned.
- If you are leaving something in the office, please leave a note with the item. Is someone picking it up? Should we file it? Mail it? Reorder it?
- Hope and Donna enjoy meeting members of the First Parish community. Please stop by, say hello and introduce yourself! If you have a quick question or something you need help with, we will do our best to help you. If you have a more in-depth question or project, we encourage you to call or email ahead for an appointment so that we can make sure we can give you our full attention.



SUMMER CHALLENGE FROM THE HELEN FOGG SERVICE COMMITTEE

How many ways did we find to use the \$20.00 given out to each family in June? You can bring in your family's story any Sunday in September and we will add it to the others on the bulletin board. You can use the paper handed out in the envelope with the \$20.00 or just choose any paper for your story. You don't have to give your family's name on the story, but you certainly may list your name -- especially if you think others might want to talk with you about your choice. What a great way to begin our church year! Thank you for taking the time to write your family's story!

FIRST PARISH OF NORWELL RIGHT RELATIONS COVENANT

Diversity is an inherent aspect of Unitarian Universalism. The vitality and integrity of our faith, and the health of our congregation depends upon the respectful expression of our differences. Therefore, in order to create a beloved religious community where every person can search for truth and meaning in an

environment that builds connections, renews spirit and inspires action, we enter into this covenant of right relations as expressed by the ideals and examples listed below. We commit to living and working with this covenant in all our human imperfection and acknowledge that this is a living document which may change in the future.

Our Ideals:

1. Welcome and Hospitality

We welcome and engage members and visitors alike.

We share the vision of Unitarian Universalism and invite others to join us.

We greet friends and strangers warmly while respecting their boundaries.

We take the time to get to know one another.

2. Furthering Diversity

We work to foster a multicultural and multigenerational community that sees diversity in all its manifestations as a sign of our strength.

We strive for inclusiveness.

We work to empower the disempowered.

We are mindful that silence in the face of bigotry implies consent.

3. Listening and Speaking

We listen with respect and attention and speak with care.

We listen to understand, deeply and compassionately.

We encourage people to speak their truth without blaming, shaming, judging or competing with them when they do.

We freely add our viewpoint to the mix of viewpoints spoken, refraining from silencing ourselves.

We respect confidentiality.

4. Serving our Church Community

We serve our church community with generosity and good humor, and we acknowledge the service of others.

We honor all levels of service to the church.

We encourage ourselves and others to make choices that balance everyone's needs.

We invite others to join us in our activities, including membership on committees, respecting that they have the right to say no.

5. Financial Stewardship

We give generously of our financial resources so that our parish will thrive.

We support the parish with as generous a pledge as possible within our means.

We keep our financial commitments to the parish.

We appreciate our physical environment and contribute to its maintenance and improvement.

We appreciate and contribute to support the work of the Parish staff and of the many volunteers.

6. Working with Conflict

We work to resolve conflicts directly, with openness and compassion.

We make every effort to settle differences directly.

We stay engaged with each other through difficult conversations.

We refrain from triangulation (we do not ask others to relay potentially emotional or conflictual communications to a third person on our behalf, nor do we relay such information for others.)

We hold ourselves responsible for hearing all sides.

We do the inner work required to show up, stay present and remain open-minded.

7. Forgiveness and Reconciliation

We acknowledge our mistakes and shortcomings.

We forgive ourselves and others.

We acknowledge our own and others' imperfections.

We honor commitments made during reconciliation of conflicts.

8. Learning and Growing

We support and encourage one another's spiritual seeking and learning in many forms.

We participate in meaningful worship services.

We support religious educational opportunities for all ages.

We are open to growth and to new perspectives.

9. Solidarity and Accompaniment

We support each other in times of need and celebrate with one another in times of joy.

We honor the history of FPN and the beauty of our buildings.

We remind others of the spark of divinity within them.

We retain our sense of humor.

We know that the feelings of others matter to the wellbeing of our entire community.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES SUMMARY

The Parish Committee is proposing some changes to our Bylaws to be voted upon at a future meeting. They wish to get feedback on the proposed changes at the Annual Meeting. Please refer to the current Bylaws (<http://www.firstparishnorwell.org/bylaws.html>) for what is currently in place. **Bolded items and sentences are new or changed.** *Italic sentences are comments on the changes.*

Article 2 Purpose and Mission, Section 2 Mission

Update to the non-discriminatory sentence.

Recognizing no distinction of class, sex, nationality, race, **color**, age, **religion (creed)**, **disability**, **political affiliation**, sexual orientation, **gender identity or gender expression**, we are a welcoming congregation that stresses the need for community amidst the impersonality of the secular world.

Article 5 Elections, Article 7 Officers

All references to delegates would include the New England Region in the list of

organizations they represent. As an aside please note that we elect delegates to represent the Parish. Technically we are not electing members of a committee. The number of delegates elected by the Parish depends on the membership count.

Article 6 Elected Committees, Section 1. Parish Committee.

Add the following bulleted item: **May authorize the Treasurer to borrow money if needed.**

This removes an article from the Annual Meeting warrant which appears every year. The Parish Committee already has general charge of all property of the Parish and responsibility for the day-to-day business affairs of the Parish.

Article 11 Statement of Inclusion

Same as Article 2, Section 2. Mission, non-discriminatory statement

We affirm and promote the full participation of persons in all our activities; including membership, programming, hiring practices, and the calling of religious professionals; without regard to class, sex, nationality, race, **color**, age, **religion (creed)**, **disability**, **political affiliation**, sexual orientation, **gender identity or gender expression**.

Article 3 Membership

The entire article would be replaced with the following.

Membership is open to any person generally in agreement with the Purpose and Mission of First Parish of Norwell, Unitarian Universalist, and the Principles and Sources of the UUA. Membership should be entered into after due consideration. The distinction between member and voting member goes away. There would be just member. All references to voting member in the Bylaws would be changed to simply "member". requirement to be elected (or voted in) at a Parish meeting would be eliminated. Membership requirements would be as follows:

A member is any person who:

- **Is 16 years of age or older (current requirement is 18 years)**

- Has signed the Membership Book. All who sign the Membership Book shall become eligible to vote at all Annual and Special Parish Meetings thirty (30) days after they sign. *(replaces: has signed the Covenant as printed in the membership book; and the separately listed requirement: been a member for at least thirty days)*
- Has attended a FPNUU class about membership, or has been a member in good standing at another UU congregation, or has met with the minister to discuss their religious ideals.

The Parish Committee shall have the power to cancel the membership of any person whose conduct the Parish Committee deems to be detrimental to the congregation. Such person shall be given reasonable notice of the proposed action, the reason(s) for it, and an opportunity for a Parish Committee hearing prior to a vote by the Parish Committee to cancel membership. Cancellation of membership requires an affirmative vote of 5 Parish Committee members.

A member whose membership was not cancelled but was removed from the membership list may reactivate their membership by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Membership reporting to the UUA: For the purposes of membership reporting, membership shall mean the number of people satisfying the membership requirements above *(Note: a person does not have to be eligible to vote at Annual or Parish meetings to be counted).*

Membership Norms *(new section):*

All members and friends are expected to behave within the norms put forth in the Parish Safe Congregations Policies and Right Relations Covenant.

All members and non-members/friends are encouraged to contribute financially to the Parish to the best of their ability. Gifts of time, talent and treasure are all gratefully received.

Change in Membership Status *(new section):*

Any member may terminate their membership by written notice to the Parish, phone call or email to the Parish office. The Clerk will be informed to record the notification.

Parish members who leave the area and/or for a period of two (2) years have not been in communication with the Parish may, by vote of the Parish Committee, be removed from the membership list.

All deceased members will automatically be removed from the membership list.

September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			6 Alliance Board, FP 10 am Book Group, FP 7 pm	7 Preschool Parent Orientation, PH 7 pm	8	9
10 Water Communion & Blessings of the Backpacks Morning Service & Church School 10 am Coffee Hour, PH 11 am Activities Comm., Ofc. 11:30 am	11 AA, PH 8:30 pm	12 Tai Chi, PH, 9:15 am Knitters, FP 9:30 am Adult RE, FP 12 pm Dancers, PH 6-8 pm	13 iSpi deadline, 9 am Dancers, PH 7-9 pm	14	15 Piano lessons, PH 2-5 pm	16
17 OUTREACH SUNDAY Morning Service & Church School 10 am Coffee Hour, PH 11 am	18 AA, PH 8:30 pm	19 Tai Chi, PH 9:15 am Knitters, FP 9:30 am Parish Comm., FP 7 pm	20 iSpi deadline 9 am Alliance, PH 10 am "Rio Olympics"  Dancers, PH 7-9 pm	21 Choir, Sky. 7:30 pm	22 Piano lessons, PH 2-5 pm 	23 Potluck/Trivia Night, PH 5:30 pm
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