

First Parish Brewster UU Quarterly Angle

Let the apple ripen on the branch beyond your need to take it down.

Let the coolness of autumn and the breathing,
blowing wind test its adherence to endurance, let the others fall.

Wait longer than you would, go against yourself, find the pale nobility of quiet that ripening demands, watch with patience as the silhouette emerges and the leaves fall, see it become a solitary roundness against a greying sky, let winter come and the first frost threaten, and then wake one morning to see the breath of winter has haloed its redness with light.

So that a full two months after you should have taken the apple down,
you hold it in your closed hand at last and bite into the cool sweetness
spread evenly through every single atom of a pale and yielding structure,
so that you taste on that cold, grey day,
not only the after reward of a patience remembered,
not only the summer sunlight of a postponed perfection,
but the sweet, inward stillness of the wait itself.

- David Whyte (Winter Apple)

opening hearts, growing souls, turning love into justice...



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an historic Unitarian Universalist
community in the heart of Cape Cod

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From the Office

Community is a place for joy, a place for sorrow, a place to lean in and risk being vulnerable. First Parish Brewster UU is this kind of place. Within the spreadsheets and reports, I see the strength and determination of this diverse community. A place where the whole is truly greater than its parts.

As Administration & Finance Director, I am tasked with maintaining a dual focus on the many parts as well as the whole. It is individuals who come into my office needing help, but they are working for the whole. Staff and Volunteers show up every day of the week, eager to support the whole. To see both the individuals and First Parish Brewster UU is essential and challenging. It requires time that sometimes seems to be in short supply. It requires breathing into the moments of silence before sprinting to the finish line. In truth there is no finish line, only parts of a larger journey.

First Parish Brewster UU is part of this greater journey, and many roads can be taken along the way. We, as individuals, will disagree on which roads are the right ones to take, but we must simply do our best. Stumbling at times, but trusting that our single vision or perspective is just one of many that contribute to the whole. Let us find ways to build each other up even in the moments we do not agree. Let us loosen our grip and widen our gaze. The whole does not belong to us; we belong to the whole.

Savor this moment, for it is all we have. Immerse yourself in the everyday tasks, for they provide us the opportunity to be together, to be a part of something greater than ourselves. Be grateful for each other. Gratitude is a choice, something that we must look for and then find a way to express.

Submitted with joyful gratitude by Karena Stroh



There is something for everyone at FPB.
Please check out our full calender of events at
<http://firstparishbrewster.org/google-calendar/>

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

September 6th, 2015 10 am only

“The Confessions of a Blue Collar Unitarian Universalist” – Rev. Don Beaudreault.

As we celebrate Labor Day, we will celebrate the Labor Movement and also explore the concept of Classism within Unitarian Universalism. The music we sing and listen to will be reflective of the theme.

September 13th, 2015 10 am only

“Welcome Back Water Communion Service”

Join our annual multigenerational celebration of community as we bring samples of water from the places we have travelled this summer or from our homes. We will join these into a common bowl – symbolic of our coming together as a community.

September 20th, 2015 10 am only

“Alone/Together” – VISIONING THEME #1 – Rev. Don Beaudreault.

As part of a two-year process of envisioning our congregation’s future, we will have periodic sermons on the subject. This one is about “unity in diversity” – of how we “do not have to think alike to love alike.” Why are you a part of First Parish Brewster UU?

September 27th, 2015 9:30 am and 11 am

“Vision – More Than a Dream” – VISIONING THEME #2 – Rev. Don Beaudreault and You!

What is a “vision”? How have cultures throughout time defined the concept and used it to achieve deeper meaning and purpose? Why are we as a congregation undertaking this process? What is YOUR vision about YOUR life and about the future of our congregation?

PLEASE NOTE:

We will have small group discussions immediately after the September 27th service to discuss questions related to the sermon’s theme. These will be coordinated by our Right Relations Team and our Minister – and have a similar format to last Fall’s discussions on the sermons dealing with the concept of “Agreements” articulated by Don Miguel Ruiz. YOUR input is absolutely vital to the process! So please be there! There will be five other such events during this coming church year. Refreshments will be provided each time.

Check our website page for updates on future services at firstparishbrewster.org/upcoming-sermons/

View past sermon videos on our website under the Worship Tab.

THIS YEAR’S SERVICE TIME SCHEDULE

September 27th, 2015 - December 13th, 2015 9:30 am & 11 am

December 20th, 2015 - February 28th, 2016 10 am only

March 6th, 2016 - May 8th, 2016 9:30 am & 11 am

May 15th, 2016 - June 26th, 2016 10 am only



The Minister's Say

“MY VISION FOR OUR CHURCH”

(And a Description of the Visioning Process for FPBUU) Church Year 2015-16

As I begin my second year with you as your Developmental Minister, I do so with the hope that each one of us will be part of the VISIONING PROCESS that our Board and I agree is an essential part of determining the future of our congregation. In that regard, I would like to reflect first on my own vision for First Parish Brewster UU, which connects with that progressive spiritual movement we call “Unitarian Universalism”. With joy at having discovered the ever-progressive nature of a free religious society, may we as Unitarian Universalists honor the sound traditions of our faith, blending those with relevant present and future practices.

Among these traditions, I would hope we include the following:

- The foundational truth that as one human family on the only planet we can call home, we need to move beyond the strictures of ALL human-determined categories that limit the fullness of our being. Among these strictures are those of creed, culture, color, class, age, physical ability, education, sexual orientation, economic ability, emotional status, and lifestyle. We need also embrace the truth that none of us is perfect, that none of us is without need, and that each of us can do at least something to “happify” the existence of another, and in so doing enrich ourselves.
- The exquisite possibility that as people of reason and good intent, we will use our mental capability and our listening heart to help social causes crying out for rectification – those derived from the strictures listed above, and those evolving from the scourge of human ill-will, including such horrors as child endangerment, poverty, disease, fear, violence, human trafficking, bullying, war – the list is so very long.
- The prospect that as human beings, we will begin to communicate with each other in ways beyond superficiality – and we will no longer communicate in ways that now limit us from knowing who we really are. May we learn to truly listen and hear what the other person is trying to say to us. May we move beyond the assumptions that we always have the right answer and that the other person is always wrong. May we be strong enough to admit our weakness. And may we feel honored that we have gained some wisdom, and then may we go about sharing it.
- The need to leave behind the age-worn, hierarchical concept that human beings are in charge of our planet. May we ever imagine our beautiful blue planet seen from space as it reflects the sun. May we recognize that we are not alone on our planet, but rather are a part of the interdependent life form where we share a small space in this infinite existence. In realizing this, may we ever be humbled by the grandeur of it all.
- And the knowledge that at the heart of all these wishes is the one, which speaks of a bounty of love and prosperity for each living creature, and which demands respect for all things on our planet. As we move into further advances in science and technology, may we not lose sight of that which makes us more than merely objective, calculable beings: the human heart. And the heart desires to be filled with people and things for which to be passionate, and it seeks deep reasons for being alive in the first place.

These are but some of my wishes for you at this momentous time of visioning.

MORE ABOUT THE VISIONING PROCESS

During the next two years, our congregation will undergo the creative process of determining our future by attempting to understand who we are at present and who we envision ourselves to be in the future.

To do that, there will be a multifaceted “methodology” that this Minister, guided by the Right Relations Team, the Committee on Ministry, and the Board of Trustees will lead. The basic concepts underlying our visioning process come from the Unitarian Universalist Association. You can read the UUA’s recommendations at www.uua.org/documents/congservices/visionmissioncovenant.pdf. We will adapt the concepts from the UUA vision, mission, and covenant document for our own purposes.

To be more specific about OUR process:

1. The first aspect of the Visioning Process is focusing on the essentials of what a Unitarian Universalist congregation is and might choose to be. To this end, on six Sundays during this coming church year, the service will concentrate on a topic related to these essentials. For instance, the first Sunday of the visioning process is September 27th at which time Don will preach on the universal subject of humanity’s quest to achieve direction, meaning, and purpose.
After the service on the 27th, and after the other five services, our Right Relations Team will lead small-groups in discussing key questions concerning the day’s topic. These discussions will be similar to the ones so ably led by members of the Right Relations Team and others last Fall during our minister’s 5-part series on the work of Don Miguel Ruiz, the author of the books *The Four Agreements* and *The Fifth Agreement*. We are choosing to use this format again because the feedback from the congregation was very positive. This format allows YOU to have your say! So please take advantage of this congregationally-inspired way of deciding things.
2. Another aspect of the Visioning Process this coming year will include hearing a variety of Unitarian Universalists ministers in our pulpit – on six Sundays. As the congregation considers its future with a settled minister, it is important that a diversified ministry be in evidence behind the pulpit. You need to see different styles of ministry. For example, having the beloved Jim Robinson back in the pulpit of FPBUU was special, partly because Jim showed those who had never met him, how accomplished and diversified our UU ministry can be. Such special Sundays can only be healing and instructive.
3. Another part of the Visioning Process is expanding the congregation’s understanding of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist congregation. To that end, on most Sundays during this new church year, there will be a brief reading/dramatic presentation on the life of a famous UU person, living or deceased. Each of these individuals has played a significant role in human history; and by doing so, each has laid the groundwork for current UU beliefs and practices – from social justice issues, creative arts, science, theology, education – the list is a very long one. In addition to reading/dramatic presentations, we might also use some Sundays to present an important historic UU fact. Finally, we will ask each group or committee of FPBUU during their meetings this coming year, to talk about what the vision is for their group or committee. In doing so, members might just discover renewed vigor and purpose to what they are about.
4. A fourth expectation of this Visioning Process is to realize that First Parish Brewster UU is not an isolated congregation, but is connected to a cluster of UU congregations on the Cape and Islands, to the New England Region of the UUA, to the national UUA – and to numerous associated/affiliated groups. These include the UU Service Committee, the UU United Nations, the International Association for Religious Freedom, the International Council of Unitarian Universalists, and the Partnership Church program.
Should not our vision be one of embracing others rather than isolating ourselves? A hope is that we will be sponsoring a UU choir festival this year with our outstanding Director of Music, Danica Buckley leading the way when members of other UU congregations will join us to sing out our joy and hope.

I also urge all leaders and others interested in advancing the Vision of FPBUU to take advantage of the numerous and instructive workshops and on-line instructional material on a host of essential church-related topics sponsored by the UU New England Region. These include subjects like membership, finances, and worship. The list is plentiful and information is available on the website: www.uua.org/directory/districts/newengland.

5. A fifth aspect of the Visioning Process is to involve our children and youth in exploring what it means to be part of this incredible movement we call Unitarian Universalism. What is the “compass” that they can turn to in creating lives of meaning and purpose? How is this compass connected with our denominational history, precepts, principles, and purposes? As we continue to seek the profound guidance of our CYM Director, deer Sullivan, in creating a truly multi-generational congregation, we will - with the younger ones among us - explore the identity question of Vision.
6. And sixth point about our Visioning Process is that we need to use congregationally-wide input as much as possible. One of the true and trusted ways to do this is to re-create the New England version of a town meeting on a periodic basis. (Monthly? Bi-Monthly?) At such times all from the congregation – member, friend, curious observer, potential adherent – would be invited to speak his/her mind. A specific subject could be chosen – say “What does it mean to be a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation?” – and then (via use of democratic process) – people are urged to express their opinions. These are NOT formal meetings with votes taken – but importantly, they WOULD BE opportunities to demonstrate a crucial aspect of our free faith: the right to express one’s opinion without fear of censor or other punishment.



These are just the basics at this point in the planning of the Vision Process. As I have indicated, this is still a work in progress, because as far as I know, no other Unitarian Universalist congregation has undergone such an extensive, and I trust, meaningful process in charting its future as I have suggested. But then, creating a vision is not merely about putting words that the congregation has agreed upon on paper. The vision process really should not be a mechanical, merely “organizational” thing to accomplish in a one-day workshop. Rather, it is about learning who we are as a people of faith – which means learning about each other, about being vulnerable, and about being creative and REAL! And, although talking with each other about the various aspects of our vision is important, the vision process is NOT all about TALKING! We will explore various dimensions to create our vision.

And in doing all the work that I have outlined, my hope is that we may continue to expand the love that connects us as a specific community and to enlarge the commitment to the larger faith of Unitarian Universalist that sustains us. Your thoughts OF COURSE are vital to the process. So please feel free to share them with me and/or with any of the groups or individuals I have referred to in this article. And, naturally, please share your thoughts with each other! Looking forward to a grand congregational year with you!

~Rev. Don Beaudreault

Children and Youth Ministries

Soulful Journeys



We're going on a journey...

This spiritual, beloved community is here for each of us- it is here to be a place of inclusivity, authenticity and belonging where our minds and hearts can open; it is here to be a place of inspiration, beauty and nourishment where our souls can grow and it is here to be a place of learning, strength and courage where we can turn our love into justice.

This community is also here for us to bring our awareness to the ultimate JOURNEY of life that we are all on! This year, with that in mind and in alignment with our FPBUU visioning process that is beginning, the Children and Youth Ministries' theme is

'The Soulful Journey'

Every day our children and youth go out into a complex world where they are often faced (as we all are!) with difficult or challenging decisions and situations. Our 'Soulful Journey' will provide children/youth with the spiritual and ethical tools they need to make choices and take actions that reflect their Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values. We will be going on various journeys, inner and outer, to Nickerson, our internal landscapes, the beach, our imaginations, our UU traditions... and acknowledging the symmetry between inner and outer. We will be deepening the sense of First Parish Brewster and Unitarian Universalism as 'home,' as sanctuary, and as a place to find orientation and foundation for our life journeys.



Part of the purpose of religious, spiritual, beloved community is to remind one another that we are not alone; we are on this journey together and we are loved! Part of the purpose of gathering our children/youth (and ourselves) together on Sunday mornings/evenings (and any other time of the week) is for nourishment, inspiration, strength and support- we offer that to one another- and then with courage, kindness, and love- go out into the world and be the change we wish to see.

What a gift to be on the journey with all of you...I am looking forward to all the ways our paths will cross, meet, dance, play, learn and grow together.

With kindness, deer



In Harmony

Welcome back to choir and orchestra
(and all of the singing and playing congregation, and to new members of the choir and orchestra!)

I attended the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network (UUMN) conference in Boston. I even managed to do some conducting for a composers forum, and of course, I met many lovely colleagues from across the country. I was also saddened and had quite the crying moment to the chaplain of the conference. My beloved mentor and close friend of 30 years was the Music Director for UU Montpelier, VT. She passed away April 30th. As I was going into Arlington Street Church for a session, I was hit with a huge wave of grief. Catherine was a wonderful musician and a great friend, the one I always called to say "Music Sunday was great! What are you doing for yours?" In fact, she passed away while I was conducting a dress rehearsal for my big tenth anniversary concert this spring, for Choral Art Society. I hope somehow she was enjoying the Beethoven I was conducting. We had talked just the week before. She asked me earlier this year to think of her when I make music. I honored her all year, and I will always be grateful to her and will always miss her. Music making goes way beyond the page of little black dots and squiggles and lines.

Once I felt better (a tad), I was able to enjoy the conference. I acquired some pieces I hope to do with our choir. And I got some new inspiration. Next year's UUMN conference is in Madison, WI. I have never been to WI, so it will be an excellent adventure, musical and otherwise.

As for our coming year, I look forward to it! It is year 3 for me. Those two years went fast! I have the same goals, two of which are more choir members and more orchestra members. There is so much we can do, and you do not have to be an opera singer or play for the BSO to join our ensembles! Keeping a tune if you are in choir is imperative. And if you wonder if you can, come see me privately. We'll sing a bit together, on easy things, and I can see if you are soprano or alto, or tenor or bass.



It's a very friendly, non-scary ten minutes. It's not an audition. It's a moment to see if choir feels right for you. Or you can just come to the first rehearsal! Played your violin in high school? Get it out, practice a bit, and come join us! Want help with that? Come see me! (well, I cannot play violin - had one semester in college, but I can talk to you about orchestra and show you music!)

Stay tuned in Weekly Angles for more info on rehearsals and other music info, and I will develop the music page on our website.

- **First choir rehearsal is Wednesday, September 9th.** Want to join the choir? Come that night! We'll rehearse and have refreshments and a welcome back. 7pm on the dot!
- **First orchestra rehearsal is Sunday, September 27th at 12:30 pm.**
Best contact for me is: danicabuckleyfb@gmail.com

In harmony and gratitude for all of our music,

Danica



Women's Circle Alliance

Great Plans for 2015-2016

YOU'RE WELCOME!!! Come and join the Alliance on Wednesday, September 9th for a picnic at the lovely home of Nancy Berbrick off Stony Brook Road overlooking Upper Mill Pond. Come if you have wondered what the Women's Alliance is all about. Come if you want to check out our programs for the upcoming year and see if individual programs would be of special interest to you. And come to enjoy old friends and become a member for the year.

The Alliance meets in the Parish Room on the second Wednesday afternoon of the month through May. We begin at 1:00 with a half hour of casual conversation –and, of course delicious desserts. Our speakers' presentations begin at 1:30 and deal with large cultural and social justice issues with a local focus. We begin the fall season with two such programs: in October we will hear about the Brazilian community in Barnstable county, and in November the speaker will talk about issues around homelessness on Cape Cod. In December we will launch our holiday celebrations with a chorus from Nauset High School . Reverend Don Beaudreault will help us begin the new year with an informal presentation coming from his years of working with UU congregations across America and beyond. In February a librarian from Snow's Library in Orleans will share many suggestions for books appropriate for book groups . In March Peter Trull will visit us with a nature-themed program, and in April we will visit the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis for a docent-led tour of their collection. We will end the year with a very special program with UU member Lucy Duffy discussing her beautiful book "Vignettes of Moire" about her mother's life in rural France in the pre-war years.

Members who join with a modest \$20 will receive our booklet outlining the programs for the year. Details will also be given in the Weekly Angles before each program. Please plan to join us for the picnic and the full year of varied and interesting programs.



Considering Membership in First Parish Brewster UU?

The Membership Committee is hosting a New Member Orientation for anyone who is considering membership in FPB UU on Saturday, September 26th. This will consist of a two hour session from 10 to 12 on the History of the Unitarian Universalist faith, as well as a question and answer session with Reverend Don Beaudreault. This will be followed by a light luncheon and then a session with members of our various committees from 1 to 2 in the afternoon.

Please contact Sharon Marotti at sharon_marotti@yahoo.com, or 508-896-6812, if you have questions, or would like to attend.

Get Connected with our Larger UU Community

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee: www.UUSC.org

Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office: www.uua.org/international/un/

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations: www.uua.org

From Endowment

Two Very Generous Gifts to the Endowment Fund:

The Endowment Board wishes to acknowledge two very generous gifts from the Mary Jane McDonald Family Fund and the Barbara W. Quattrone Charitable Remainder Trust for a total of \$25,000. Both Barbara and MJ were graduates of Vassar College and MJ will attend her 70th reunion next spring!



MJ was dedicated at First Parish Brewster when she was about two years old! Although raised a Congregationalist, she married a Unitarian Universalist and when they moved back to the Cape, she chose to attend FPB. “It was the place for me” and she “has been happy in this church ever since.”

Barbara was a long time member of First Parish Brewster UU, joining the church in the spring of 1981. FPB was her spiritual home for thirty-four years. She was a staff librarian at Snow Library for twenty years, and she owned a bed & breakfast with Susan Flaws for twenty-three years.

Barbara was particularly grateful for the support of her First Parish Brewster UU family during these last four years, which included weekly visits from Diane Scheffler. A memorial service was held for Barbara at First Parish Brewster UU last April.



Fossil Fuel Divestment:

At its monthly June 2015 meeting, the Endowment Board voted unanimously to divest all fossil fuel holdings from the Endowment Fund on a schedule advised by Cape Cod Five Trust and Asset Management, which manages the Fund’s investments. As of August, the Endowment Fund no longer has any fossil fuel investments.



UUA Planned Giving Program:

The Endowment Board is sponsoring a Planned Giving Seminar led by Rev. Laura Randall, Legacy Gifts Manager for the UUA. It will be held on Sunday, November 15th following the 11 o’clock service. A light lunch will be served. More details to follow in upcoming Weekly Angles.

Report from the UUA General Assembly 2015

It is an honor and a privilege to represent FPBUU as a delegate at General Assembly. This year over 4,500 UUs from 580 congregations representing all the states and DC as well as foreign countries attended the Assembly. Close to 300 youth were active participants. Joy, fun, laughter, wonderful music, hymn singing, top-notch worship, old friends, new friends, excellent workshops to stimulate your mind, last minute rallies for *Black Lives Matter*, a public witness on climate control with American Indian leaders, as well as doing the business of our denomination are all part of the experience. Always a highlight, the prestigious Ware lecture featured Cornel West.

The theme this year was *Building a New World*, but it seemed to me it turned into *Black Lives Matter* as we all coped with the shooting in Charleston and the compassionate response of the relatives of those who died. There were a significant number of African American delegates.

Regarding the business meetings, I truly enjoy them! I know that's strange. I got quite involved in a by-law regarding the *Committee on Appraisal*, currently an independent study committee. That committee has been an outside committee since its inception and the proposed by-law would have made it a committee of the Board. This was supported by both the present committee and the UUA Board. I attended the mini-assembly regarding this by-law and heard the arguments pro and con and became convinced it should stay separate. After much discussion the delegates voted the proposal down, rather unusual that the delegates would go against the UUA Board, but I thought it a good decision.

The delegates passed a statement of conscience regarding reproductive justice. This can be read on the UUA website. Three (of 6 possible) Actions of Immediate Witness were approved by the delegates. They are: support the *Black Lives Matter Movement*, support *Strong, Compassionate Global Climate Agreement in 2015 and Act for a Livable Climate*, and *End Immigrant Child and Family Detention (Prison Camps) Now*. These give directions to our leaders for the coming year.

I attended some workshops run by the 3 year old College of Social Justice of the UUA. This is an exciting venture for our denomination. They provide educational travel to Haiti, the Arizona border, India and other locations. They focus on young people but elders are welcome too. Check them out on the UUA website.

It's hard to describe the emotional impact of GA this year. At the first business meeting, we heard the announcement that Obamacare was upheld by the Supreme Court, and the joy was huge amongst the delegates. At the second business meeting, we heard that the Supreme Court upheld same sex marriage. Can you imagine the hugs, tears of joy, the running on stage of same sex couples and the instantaneous singing of *Standing on the Side of Love*, that ensued with the thousands of delegates holding hands? What a privilege to be there when that happened. I kept thinking of our own Gloria and Linda who were key in the beginning of this fabulous movement.

There were videos of UUs marching in Selma this year commemorating the anniversary of that awful event where a UU minister, James Reeb died. We were represented there with our leaders and large numbers and that makes me feel good about us, but brought tears as we remembered those awful moments in American history.

It's an extraordinary experience to be part of the UUA General Assembly. I hope you will make plans to join in one day. Next year it is in Columbus, Ohio, from June 22-26, 2016. In 2017 it is in New Orleans. I already have those dates in my calendar. I hope we have a lot of FPBUUs there. You will never forget the experience.

Community Page



UUSC Fair Trade Coffee Project

It is with love and gratitude that I express thanks for all who participated in any way with the UUSC Fair Trade Coffee Project here at First Parish Brewster UU. Bravo to Marilyn Mc Dermott who held it together with much grace for years and is now our advisor. Special thanks to my partner, Sandra Woodson, who puts in the orders and generally keeps us going straight. (she titles her e-mails to me "Coffee Talk") And most important to our success and lack of burn out are our volunteers: Annette Winther, Dwight Woodson, Joan Kapp, Rosanne Shapiro, Dianne Ashley, and Sue Bowser. Their beautiful smiles and willing hands have truly made the work light. Also, last, but not least is YOU who purchased chocolate, coffee, tea, nuts, etc., week after week. We bow to you for your generosity and giving spirit.



Started in 2001, the UUSC Coffee Project is a collaboration between Equal Exchange and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee to involve more Unitarians in supporting small farmers around the world. For each pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Unitarians purchase through the UUSC Coffee Project, 20 cents per pound goes to the UUSC's Small Farmer Fund. That Fund amounted to \$14,309.28 in 2014 alone.

The products themselves come from Equal Exchange, which is a Fair Trade organization that buys directly from small-scale farmer cooperatives, owned and run by the farmers themselves. Because their farmer partners are paid above market prices for their crops, they are able to make investments in community projects, educational programs, and technical trainings. They are also committed to supporting sustainable farming methods that help green the earth through reforestation, natural resource conservation and organic practices. In addition to this, we gave all of our FPB Coffee Project profits to the UUSC for the good work they do around the World. With your continuing support we donated over \$600 this year. Congratulations First Parish Brewster UU! ~Mary Wallace

Community Page

The Paul Hush Memorial Forums

The Community Forums originated by Paul Hush are continuing here at First Parish Brewster UU. Paul created these forums to bring informative programs, free of charge, to our church members and the greater Cape Cod community. The subjects have been varied offering discussions of climate change, the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant, the Transcendentalists, an inspirational Storyteller and most recently, NIMO, a dynamic singer and composer. This fall we have these two Forums scheduled.

Sunday, October 4 - The Age of Dignity and the Silver Tsunami

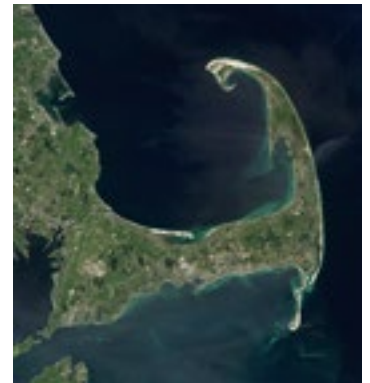


Americans want to live independently as long as possible as we grow older, but 70% of us will need assistance to be able to stay in our own homes. Discussing our wish to age with dignity is a difficult topic to raise with family and friends, and it's not easy to access information about care options —how to find care and how to pay for it. With the Age Wave of Baby Boomers upon us (10,000 new seniors every day- more like a “Silver Tsunami”!) and even though family caregiving will remain very important, we need to add 1 million home care jobs by 2022. Aging advocates have identified a Care Crisis: a huge gap in available and affordable home care, driven by low wages, lack of benefits, and the invisibility of both home care workers and the people for whom they care. This year of the White House Conference on Aging, and of the 50th birthdays of Medicaid, Medicare, and the Older Americans Act, the 25th birthday of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the 80th birthday of Social Security, it's time to have a national conversation about how we can celebrate the joys and complexities of aging and create a sustainable, person-centered long-term care system.

NOVEMBER 8 - What Does Inequality Look Like Here On Cape Cod

with Senator Dan Wolf and Sean Cochran of WCAI

Americans today live in a starkly unequal society. Our incomes and wealth have grown wider apart than they have been at any point in the last century. Gaps in wages, income, and wealth are running wider here in the United States than they are in any other major developed nation. Challenging inequality has become a moral imperative that First Parish Brewster voted last year to study and act upon over the next 4 years. Even President Obama has stated he will spend the rest of his presidency on “the defining challenge of our time,” which is reducing economic inequality and improving upward mobility. How is this maldistribution of income and wealth reflected in our own Cape Cod community? Come hear Sean Corcoran, WCAI's Managing Editor of News and the award winning series - Two Cape Cods: Hidden Poverty on the Cape and Islands discuss what he learned about the unique factors that contribute to this persistent problem. Senator Dan Wolf will also join Sean to provide his perspective on the issue and legislation he is introducing to address inequality on the Cape & Island and throughout the state.



*The 25th Anniversary of
the Clothesline Project
presents*

***The Clothesline
Concert***

featuring

Bruce Abbott

Lisa Brown

David Roth

Monica Rizzio



Sunday, September 27th ~ 7 PM

with Brian Morris & Berke McKelvey

hosted by Carol Chichetto



The Clothesline Project (CLP) was a program started on Cape Cod in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It began as a way for women affected by violence to express their emotions on a shirt which was then hung on a clothesline to be viewed by others, serving as testimony to address this issue. With the support of many, it has since spread world-wide and has been the focus of an annual fund and awareness-raising concert here on the Cape from 1994 through 2011. Greg Greenway, Lisa Brown, and Bruce Abbott got it going, and in 2013 Cape neighbor David Roth stepped in to help bring it back to life. Come celebrate community at its best - powerful cause, powerful music, powerful support for those claiming their voices. Proceeds to be shared with the Cape Cod Center for Women ~ Cape Cod's only domestic violence shelter
Brewster Meeting House ~ 1969 Main St/Route 6A ~ Brewster
\$20 advance (highly recommended) ~ no one turned away (til we run out of room!)
Reservation/Ticket info: Kip (508) 240-5797

FPBUU's fall fair gets new name, new energy, new opportunities!

Welcome to the *Best of All Fest of Fall*, First Parish Brewster UU's re-energized fall fair! We love this opportunity for the whole church to come together to have fun and raise money for our beloved faith community. We felt, however, that it needed a fresh perspective -- both for us within the FPBUU community and for those outside who we want to join us for the day. So we cast our limitations to the winds and have reimagined this event in glorious Technicolor with lots of opportunities for everyone at First Parish Brewster UU to be part of the fun and action. We are keeping our maritime theme, with a Skipper coordinating each event or site and lots of tie-ins there.

Saturday, October 24th:

8:00 am: **The Paul Hush Memorial Charge:** an all-abilities, assistive devices welcome road "race" down Breakwater Beach Road. We'll have fun prizes, distributed by Joanne Hush from the pocket park by the beach. This event is in the preliminary stages and we'd welcome an enthusiastic Skipper to take on the details.

North side: 9:00-3:00 pm

- Our popular Captains' Cafe will appear again in Fellowship Hall. Skipper Tavia Ossola seeks five to six strong and energetic folks to help.
- The Silent Auction will take place in the Parish Room.
- The Meeting House will host an hourly Cake Walk, offering the chance to win a spectacular cake. We'll need a dozen bakers to create these spectacles, as well as a Skipper to run the event.
- We also hope to offer historical tours of the Meeting House in between Cake Walks.
- On the lawn, we're planning a Food Day tent offering information, recipes, and delectable tastes of healthy dishes. (Tastes only, no full meals!)
- The Plaza will host entertainment -- as well as a very special treat for youngsters!

South side: 9:00-3:00 pm

- The Yard Sale will be in the Barn parking lot.
- Behind the Barn, we'll have a Marine Chandlery -- gently used gear for all kinds of boating and water fun. This needs a Skipper, too!
- Surrounding the Barn, lots of activities for kids -- details to be announced once confirmed. But you can count on the Bounce House! Skipper needed here, too...
- In the Barn, we want to do a Holiday Booth with decorations, small gifts, etc. for the end-of-year holidays. We'll also have the Salsa/Jams/Jellies booth.
- In Winslow House, the Cookie Walk, and across the parking lot, a big tent full of crafters! We're inviting lots of crafters to join us including several with an international flair and some with a distinctive maritime theme.
- On the lawn of Winslow House, we plan to have a Garden Booth, a Lucky Dip, and a Bottle Stall.
- Behind the tent, we'll hold an all-day "Wellie Toss" -- throw a rubber boot as far as you can. The longest throw will be honored on a permanent trophy in the Parish Room.
- We'll also have a Pet Show in the afternoon with fun prizes for pets of all kinds.
- On the Barn porch, a marvelous array of entertainers will appear throughout the day.

So you see, lots of old favorites and lots of new sources of fun. Of course, we'll need a great many Skippers to take charge of one small piece of the fun and lots of crew members to help make this indeed the Best of All Fest of Fall! Please sign up for the piece that tickles your fancy -- we'll be in the Parish Room and everywhere after services, but please feel free to contact us directly at elenita@cape.com or 508-237-5195!

Enthusiastically yours,

The Helmswomen: Irie Dunne, Judy Fenner, Twinks Hastings, Elenita Muñiz

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Dust off your flugelhorn, oil your keys, and come to share your talent in an intimate and casual atmosphere

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When&Where: 3rd Sunday of the Month
Sunday, September 20th / **3 - 5 pm**

(sign up 2:45pm, rehearse with pianist 2pm)
First Parish Brewster UU Church / 1969 Main Street

Special Guest: pianist Sylvia Karkus Furash

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From FPBUU Council

First Parish Brewster UU Council Covenant

- We will follow an agenda to keep our meetings on track; we will start and end on time.
- We will acknowledge the importance of our work to ensure committee health and relations for the greater good of First Parish Brewster UU.
- We will maintain confidentiality about sensitive issues and communicate clearly what needs to be kept confidential.
- We will speak directly to each other with courage and kindness and allow all voices to be heard.
- We will believe the best about each other and the wider community.
- We will be supportive of each other for the greater good of the congregation.
- Decisions will be made through consensus. *
- We will attend all Council meetings. If we are unable to attend, we will email our committee reports to the Council members prior to the meeting date; we will advise the Council Chairs in advance of our planned absence.

*Consensus decision making is a process that depends on the power within and among people to come to a decision with an equal opportunity for all participants to be heard. How does it work? A proposal is put forward, stating the issue to be decided. Participants are encouraged to ask clarifying questions and state any concerns. There is discussion, with all points of view being heard. If further concerns are expressed, discussion continues, perhaps in small groups that report back to the whole until all concerns are satisfied. Options for consensus are: to agree; agree with reservations stated; stand aside (enabling the decision to go forward but on record as not participating in the consensus); block the decision (you cannot support the group moving forward with this decision on principle, not preference). Since a block stops the action, it is incumbent on the blocker(s) to suggest an alternative way forward, if possible.

First Parish Brewster UU Council Agreements

Each member of the Council agrees to:

- *Attend all scheduled Council meetings and contribute any additional hours that are required in any given month to help ensure the Council successfully achieves its goals.
- *Accept liaison responsibility/accountability for specific assigned committees by: maintaining close communications with committees; writing monthly report/updates about their activities; and assisting communications between the minister and the board with the assigned committees.
- *Adhere to the committee covenant read at each meeting.
- *Serve on the council for a period of 2 years.
- *Promote overall committee health; facilitate communication and collaboration between all committees.
- *Help to organize and/or host annual gatherings and events to promote awareness of the committees within FPBUU.
- *Assist with and attend all events the Council agrees to host or support.
- *Regular attendance at church and coffee hour each Sunday morning to get the pulse of FPBUU.

FPBUU Council

Shera Ashlie, Co-**Convener** * Jennie Mignone, Co-**Convener**

Jim Alex * Shiley Re * Margaret Rice Moir

*There are currently 2 open Council seats that need to be filled for this current church year.
Please contact the Council or Leadership Development if you are interested in getting involved.*

From the Board of Trustees

President's Report

The completion of one church year and beginning of another has been a time of both reflection and preparation for the Board of Trustees.

As we reflect, we recognize that much has been accomplished since Reverend Don Beaudreault first came here a year ago as our Developmental Minister, and we are encouraged by the positive energy and joy that seem to surround us now at First Parish Brewster UU.

Financially, this past church year has been marked by successes and challenges. Both the Sea Captains' Fair and Spring Auction surpassed their goals, and we are so grateful for all who made these fundraising events so successful. The planning process for this year's *Best of All Fest of Fall*, formerly Sea Captains' Fair, (to be held on October 24th) has already started under enthusiastic leadership. The pledge campaign, as usual, has been a challenge and although pledges are still coming in and there are new pledge units, we are, at this writing, approximately \$12,000 short of our goal for FY 2015-16. In September, the Board will be assessing the church's fiscal situation and determining what further action, if any, needs to be taken. In regard to the pledge campaign, we are most appreciative of the hard work and commitment over the past few years of the outgoing members of the Stewardship Committee as well as their suggestions for future stewardship efforts.

Much of the Board of Trustees' time this summer has been spent organizing and preparing for the future. Of special significance during the next two years will be the visioning process. I urge you all to read Don's articles in this Quarterly Angle regarding his vision for our church and a description of the FPBUU visioning process. I admit that I was a bit skeptical when the Board first started discussing visioning last winter – but after reading the UUA document "Vision, Mission and Covenant: Creating a Future Together", I became a "believer", recognizing the all-encompassing nature of this process, its importance to First Parish's future and its vital role in preparing our church for a Settled Minister.

This fall we will also begin taking the organizational steps necessary to call a Settled Minister starting with the selection of a Ministerial Search Committee. Hopefully, this Committee will be in place and beginning its work during the winter.

Undertaking these tasks, as well as handling the usual FPBUU activities, will require extra effort on the part of the entire congregation as well as its leadership. However, I am confident that we can do it and do it well. And that, in the process, we will benefit both individually and collectively from some enjoyable, educational and enriching experiences.

- Julia Enroth

Contact Julia Enroth and the
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Helping Hands

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Wellfleet/Eastham	Joanrose Kung	774-316-4097
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The Helping Hands Committee would like to update our list of those of you who would like a friendly call when a storm is imminent or in progress. If you would like to have your name on the new list please call the office, or sign up at the welcome table on any Sunday. We like to know everyone is safe and warm and has needed supplies. Thanks

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Watch First Parish Brewster UU services on Lower Cape Public Access TV (usually played a week or so behind) in Brewster on Comcast 99 on Mondays at 7:30 pm and on Thursdays 9:30 a.m.

Also available online at

<http://firstparishbrewster.org>

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Winter Issue

(December-February)

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communications@firstparishbrewster.org

FPBUU Weekly Angle

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