



First Parish Brewster

an historic religious community
in the heart of Cape Cod

The Angle

Summer
2011

Worship Calendar

July 3 -- "On Jefferson and Religious Freedom" On the Independence Day Weekend, guest minister Rev. Richard Fewkes examines the way the new nation was influenced by Thomas Jefferson's thoughts on religious freedom.

July 10 -- "How Do You Pray?" Lay Worship Leaders Wilderness Sarchild and Carol Chichetto lead us in a multigenerational service celebrating ways people connect with the Divine--through music, dance, ritual, story, poetry, and humor. Including guests from across the lifespan! We encourage you to bring your children.

July 17 -- "Sermon in Harmony and Rhythm" Rev. Pancheta Peterson returns to our pulpit to examine how popular songs help us to meet the sacred in the marketplace. Rev. Pancheta will be joined by her son, musician Jefferey Clayton, on the steel pan.

July 24 -- "Repairing the Brokenness: A Faithful Response to U.S.-Sponsored Torture" The End Torture Now Committee invites us to reflect on our use of torture, the nature of repentance, and how we are called to a deeper faith. Led by Lay Worship Leaders Chuck Madansky and Margaret Rice-Moir.

July 31 -- "Let's Go Fly a Kite!" How and when do we learn to hate? Are we taught it, or does it develop out of our own experiences? Using the metaphor of kites, guest minister Rev. Bill Clark examines the concepts of hatred, bigotry and moving beyond them.

Aug. 7 -- "50 Years!" What Happens when the Unitarians and the Universalists get together, 50 years in a row? Rev. Mary, Rev. JD, and Carol Ann Yeaple share the best of General Assembly, 2011.

Aug. 14 -- "Where Are all the Men at Church?" Men from the Cape Cod Men's Circle, which meets at First Parish, share about the importance of living a spiritual life from a man's perspective. Women welcome too! -- we will look at the importance of connection between the masculine and the feminine. Led by Lay Worship Leader Kevin Lowey.

Aug. 21 -- "What's Your Message?" Wear your favorite T-shirt to church and be prepared to share your message! -- please, no partisan politics, no bad language, but pretty much anything else goes in this light-hearted summer service led by Rev. Mary and Rev. JD.

Aug. 28 -- "A Little Wabi Sabi: Reflections on Beauty and Brokenness" What is it we can expect from our lives? And is perfection what we are looking for? Led by Lay Worship Leader Margaret Rice Moir.

From the Co-Ministers

As you read this we are likely to have begun our vacation. The usual last minute details will have come up as we rushed to get ready to depart—for Ministry Days, General Assembly and then time off—along with the unusual: raking and shoveling 23 tons regravelling our driveway, our boiler breaking down at the 11th hour and otherwise getting our house ready for our July house traders. We probably won't have gotten around to weeding. Or to thinning out and feeding the raspberries. Bird seed. Check. Cat food. Check. Dog food. Check check.

And church: what needed to get done and who needed to know? Mostly done, we're hopeful of that. Not done? Getting time with each of you to say "See you in August. Please take good care of yourselves. Do as you always do, caring for one another with kindness, with love." And then, "We'll miss you." And it's true. Even for a brief time saying good-bye isn't easy. We will hold you in our hearts and more than occasionally wonder how you are, how this or that person is dealing with stress or illness or grief, envisioning the siding or the roof going up on our church building, hoping a few "angels" find their way to our building project with generosity in mind just any number of things. That's what happens when you love a community of people, even when you leave for a short while for all good reasons.

Remember, if you have a pastoral support need while we are away, contact Sue Eitel or Brian Billiter, our lay leaders of the Pastoral Associates Ministry. They'll listen. They'll respond.

Let yourself be inspired by the summer worship services planned by our dedicated Lay Worship Leaders.

And Think Green! Think about ways we can all come together in the fall to build our Green Sanctuary, and do the work of greening our campus and our part of greening the larger Cape. (And save the date of Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, noon to 2, for the all-church Justice Summit).

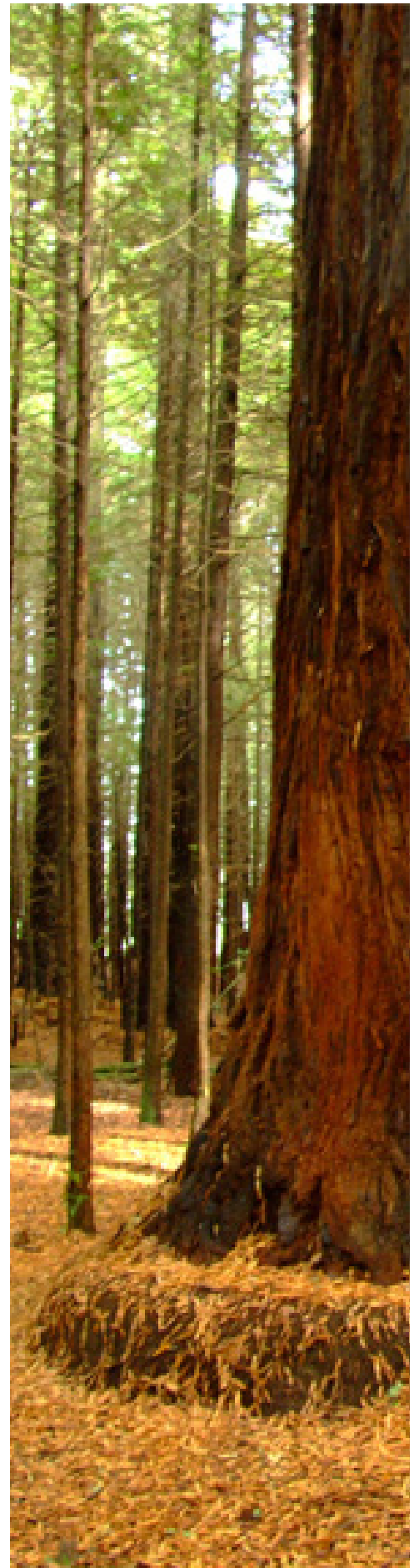
So adieu, dear ones. Have a lovely July, and in August let's have a green barbeque on the lawn near the Barn and Winslow House sometime that month. More on that later.

Enjoy! JD & Mary

WHILE OUR MINISTERS ARE AWAY

Rev Mary and Rev JD will be away at Ministry Days, General Assembly and then on vacation. They will be off campus from June 20 to August 1.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS? YOU ARE IN GOOD HANDS! Call the church, 508 896 5577 extension 311. Long-time members Sue Eitel and Brian Billiter, who are the lay coordinators of the Pastoral Associates Ministry, will be checking this confidential message service regularly and will respond!



Words from Dawn

Happy New Year! Our church fiscal “new year” at First Parish starts on July 1st and so does the change of officers. It is an interesting time of year in the life of our church. While Cape Cod rushes to the beat of visitors, traffic, swimming, sunning, walking, gardening, baseball, and everything else under the sun, our church slows down in summer. Our children’s programming stops, many committees go on hiatus, and dare I say that there are even a few empty seats on Sundays? It is actually a good time for new leaders - a new council and a new board - to start their work. During this quieter time, your board will be getting to know newer members, thinking ahead to the new year, and setting goals and priorities.

With this backdrop I begin my one-year term as your new Board president. Many of you know me, but I am aware that plenty of others do not. So, this is as good a time as any to introduce myself. I have been a member of First Parish for nine years, and joined the Board two years ago because I felt it would be a great learning opportunity for me – and I am a huge fan of learning new things. Taking on the presidency was a bit daunting, however, largely because, as a homeschooling mom of two sons aged nine and three, I know that my schedule is not as unrestricted as some of our past presidents’. I will be working to balance my – admittedly hectic – home schedule with this new position. But I believe I have a unique perspective to offer our church: I am an older parent, yet I have very young children. I hope that my participation in both leadership and family life can assist me in bridging the aspirations, hopes, and dreams of not just one group, but of many – from families with children to retirees.

Remember board meetings are open to all. If you have an item you would like to consider please contact me by email at dawnwalnut@comcast.net or call. *--Dawn Walnut, Board President*

Music Notes

Hello everyone!

The end of the church year is always a time to reflect and plan for the future. As I look back I experience satisfaction and a great deal of gratitude for a rewarding musical season. In just nine months’ time we have offered pop, folk, gospel, spirituals, jazz, classical - including an oratorio complete with orchestra, Broadway, dance, and just last week, rap! How open all of you are to perform and receive such a wide diversity of rich repertoire! I am extremely grateful. And perhaps surprisingly, I am not wishing for our “work” to slow down, but find myself energized and raring to go into the next season! I love the piles of music that are already starting to accumulate with ideas for next year. I love the discovery of new pieces and the revisiting of favorites not performed in a while. The possibilities are endless, and I feel like a kid in a candy shop!

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST PARISH

1. First Parish will be singing in the Parish Room (air conditioned) every Wednesday evening beginning July 6 and continuing through August 3 from 7:00- 8:00 PM. This is not a choir rehearsal. This is for any and all who love to sing. We will talk about improving our singing and explore our musicianship. We will also sing old favorites and play around with some potentially new favorites! Feel free to bring summer guests!

2. Band and Orchestra instrumentalists will gather and play for fun this summer also. EASY sight readable pieces will be provided. We will meet in the Parish Room Wednesday evenings July 6 - August 3 from 6:00-6:45 PM. Come early enough to start playing at 6! I’m hoping we can play some oompah and oldies for the Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social being planned!

3. An old fashioned singalong and hymn sing complete with an Ice Cream Social after, is being planned for the gazebo at Winslow House! Look for more details in an upcoming weekly Angle.
4. Several requests have come through for some kind of musical activity for children this summer - we're looking at possibilities for this as well. Several of you have spoken to me about this - thank you. If your child is interested in a summer music activity, please let me know asap. Numbers and ages will help determine what the activity might be.

I hope to see you all of you at one or more of these fun events!

Allison Beavan, Director of Music Ministry

The Sea Captain's Fair –Trying Something Different This Year! Important news from the new Fundraising Events Committee

You may be wondering what we are doing about the Sea Captain's Fair this fall as the BMHPP renovations continue, and we won't be back home until Christmas at the soonest.

Actually, that's only one of the reasons why this next year will be one of trying new things with our major fundraisers. You may not be aware that several years ago, a Fundraising Events Task Force was formed, mainly because we were increasingly having trouble coming up with leadership for these major events. The Task Force decided to try hiring people as coordinators, but after two years of doing so, they recommended that we discontinue the practice since the expenses incurred cut substantially into our profits.

The Board subsequently recommended that a permanent Fundraising Events Committee be formed to oversee these events, so Pat Stover and Janet Treanor from the Council, Carol Wall from the Board, and Bev Kimball, Becky Stephens and Shirley Wladar have come together to take a close look at the way we've been doing our major fundraisers, identifying the successful components of each, and coming to the conclusion that this is the year to try something different!

We're proposing taking the most effective components of both the Sea Captain's Fair and the Spring Auction, repackaging them, adding new components, and coming up with two new events – A "Kick Off the Spirit" Holiday Fair before Christmas, on Sunday, December 4th, to be held at Stony Brook directly after the service, and a combined Sea Captain's Fair/Auction in the spring.

So instead of gearing up for the usual Sea Captain's Fair this October, focus on early December. Calling all artists, craft persons, bakers, cooks, creative thinkers, musicians and mirth makers! We welcome your donations, suggestions, and project proposals. Think Photos with Santa, Santa's Workshop, Face Painting, Caroling, Decorations, Gourmet Delights, Stocking-stuffers, handmade gifts and much more.

For more information or to offer your ideas, please contact Bev Kimball or Pat Stover, Co-Chairs of the Fundraising Events Committee.

All In . . . for First Parish Brewster's Green Sanctuary Initiative!



Photo: Sue Swartzlander

Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads. *Henry David Thoreau*

The Universe is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects. *Thomas Berry*

Our Cape Cod: a sunset at Breakwater Beach with a fox foraging nearby for the fish it would call dinner; a little yellow kayak gliding quietly through the bay as a kingfisher's gravelly, rattling call echoes through the air; the Stony Brook herring run featuring alewives answering an ancient, instinctual call of nature, as squawking gulls answer their own call to breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with ample snacks in between; every Sunday at First Parish brings a call too, to sing of connection, compassion and justice in "Spirit of Life"; and sometimes we're called on to go to a different kind of community of exchange, what some call the "transfer station" and others, "da dump."

From spirituality to sustainability, the UUA's Green Sanctuary program invites us to take a panoramic view: to learn more about ourselves, our world, and our place in this interdependent web of existence (our 7th UU Principle). Focusing on 4 areas—worship and celebration, religious education, environmental justice, and sustainable living—the Green Sanctuary initiative will help us reflect more deliberately on our values of connection, compassion, and justice and to put these values into actions to learn and grow, as well as to benefit our community.

Green Sanctuary congregations have held outdoor worship services and meditation, built labyrinths and butterfly gardens, provided produce from a garden to a community food bank, created small gardens in urban areas, engaged in local creek and marsh cleanup events, offered community education to populations most at risk from environmental toxins or lack of healthy food options and more.

There is plenty of room in the accreditation design to accommodate diverse interests and experiences. So what part will you play? What do you want to contribute to our all-Church efforts? Read about the UUA Green Sanctuary program at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/environment/greensanctuary/> and for more information here at First Parish, contact green@firstparishbrewster.org ! Plan also to attend the Justice Summit on September 18th.

LGBT RIGHTS AND U.U.U.N.O.: Bruce Knotts coming to First Parish 9/24

First Parish Brewster will be honored by a visit from Bruce Knotts, Executive Director of our Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office on September 24.

He will speak that evening in the Parish Room about the the accomplishments and challenges of this important non-governmental organization. This includes intensive work on LGBT issues , advocacy for Women's Rights, as well as climate change, immigration, multiculturalism and training UU youth in international leadership. Dr. Knotts will show a film shot in Ghana where they have a program educating and caring for hiv/aids orphans. A special dinner will be served prior to his talk. Watch for details later this summer. The event is sponsored by the Denominational Affairs Committee.

The Racial Justice and One Earth, One People Committees Announce . . .

Our October 2011 - June 2012 Film & Discussion Series will have the added attraction of a Sinful Dessert each evening!

The series will be held in Fellowship Hall (wheelchair accessible) on the First Monday of each month, from 7-9 PM.

Complete film listings will be in the September Angle.

Reserve those First Mondays on your calendar and join us for some stimulating, fun and thought-provoking evenings!

Fundraising for BMHPP and Travel Adventure in Spain and Portugal

Join the First Parish Travel Group, an informal outgrowth of the Hiking Group, as we travel to Spain and Portugal on a 15-day adventure beginning March 18, 2012. Cost is \$2995 per person (this includes air fare from Boston Logan) There is an optional 5 day extension on the beautiful island of Madeira for \$995. For every eight people who travel on this adventure, Grand Circle Company will refund \$2995 which will go to the BMHPP. Contact Sue or Bob Bowser for more information.

Adult Faith Development? What's That?

That's classes and workshops at church for adults: Ethical Eating; Immigration; Welcoming Congregations 102; Literature of the Spirit; Unitarian Universalist Perspectives on the Judeo-Christian Bible; First Parish 101; UU History, Theology and Pizza; Leadership Development; Not Necessarily So (Buddhism); Thomas Merton; Poetry and Spirit; and more! Registration mid-August to mid-September for Fall Offerings. Stay tuned! Adult: 18 and up; Faith: That which we rely upon; Development: Growth. Questions? Rev JD or Paul Schlansky, Lay Coordinator of AFD.

I-love the Brewster Meeting House tee-shirts and hoodies. As to hoodies I'm partial, at least on June 15, to the zip front, introduced at Brewster in Bloom. Light-weight, these have been nice during the springtime drizzle and chill. I wear these shirts everywhere.

I'm grateful to Nancy Douttiel for this fundraising idea (Including mugs). My wardrobe choices are simplified, and since last July, over \$5000 has been raised from mugs and shirts.

Lisa Gerrish has been pivotal to the shirt sales success. Among other things, e.g., placing the shirts in the Brewster Visitor's Center, Lisa brought yellow to Nancy Douttiel's excellent palette.

In July, the shirts will be sold on two Sundays at First Parish Brewster -- July the 10th and 24th. They're also for sale at First Parish's thrift shop and at the Visitor's Center at the Brewster Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS? If you have announcements you would like to have the Board member deliver before Sunday worship during the ministers' travels to General Assembly and summer break (June 26-July 31), please send the announcements to COVE@firstparish-brewster.org

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELP SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT, deer Sullivan. Mondays 4-8 hours or TBA with deer (1 volunteer, or 2 may share this volunteer position). Leave message for deer Sullivan AND contact Jen Rabold to let them know of your interest. You will be contacted in July or early August.

Watch Channel 17 in Eastham on Your Computer. The channel now has all its up-to-the minute new equipment and can show the last televised seven plus services "on demand" on your computer. Go to lowercapetv.org and click "schedule" on the top blue bar. Follow directions. You will end up with a list of available services with their dates and titles shown. For problems call the station at 774-326-0105. The new manager starts July 1. Until then the station is still "in transition" with the volunteer crew doing its best to pull everything together. There might still be a glitch or two until early July. Great new capability.

JULY AND AUGUST OFFICE HOURS continue Monday through Friday 9-12. For any bookkeeping matters, Mary Lambton will be in Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the COVE position, Marlisa will be in Tuesdays, Wednesday, Friday mornings and other times as projects demand. Marilyn McDermott will be in Thursday mornings. Phone volunteers will be in per the schedule they've arranged with Marlisa. Peace all!

Cape Cod Community Dare' Everyone is invited to the monthly community Dare' (pronounced Dar-ray) at Chuck Madansky's and Wilderness Sarchild's the last Sunday of every month from 1-9pm. Dare' is an African Shona word meaning a sacred gathering for healing purposes. Activities include a Welcoming of Spirits, an intergenerational event, and a group hands-on healing circle. All ages welcome. No charge. Come or leave anytime between 1 pm and 9 pm. For more info and directions, go to www.capecoddare.org.

Reminder about Monthly Angle Deadline

The monthly Angle is going to a 10-issue year. There will be one issue to cover July and August (**deadline will be June 15**) and another issue covering December and January (**deadline will be November 15**). Please plan ahead as you think of announcements, save-the-dates and articles for those issues as well as for all issues of our weekly (due Wednesdays by noon) and monthly Angle (deadline by noon on the 15th).

General Assembly 2014: Providence. Start planning now!

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Mondays at 7:30 pm & Thursdays at 9:30am (Brewster, Eastham, Truro, Wellfleet, Provincetown) & at 8pm Saturdays (Harwich, Chatham, Yarmouth, Dennis, Barnstable). Now on your computer too at lowercapetv.org (click on schedule)



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