

# First Parish Brewster

an historic religious community  
in the heart of Cape Cod

The Angle

October  
2011

## Worship Calendar

**October 2** – “Ready to Forgive?” Are you ready to forgive yourself or someone else? Is it ever too soon? From many quarters we are urged to forgive, for our own wellbeing. But are we ready?

**October 9** – “On the Journey.” We celebrate Association Sunday with a look at what it means to be on a Journey Toward Wholeness, and we consider how we might move toward reconciliation on the anniversary of Columbus’ “discovery” of the “New” World. We salute our traveling partners, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. The plate offering will be split this Sunday with the UUA.

**October 16** – “The Road Home.” We mark the 311th anniversary of the gathering of First Parish with a look at the many ways we find “home.” Then, at 1:30 pm, join the ministers, leaders and choir on our new Plaza outside the church building to dedicate the Centerstone of our old Meeting House, almost made new.

**October 23** – “There is a Time.” Using the words of the song by Carolyn McDade (who also wrote “Spirit of Life”), we explore the call of our lives, of this season, and of our community. Led by Lay Worship Coordinator Jane Lowey.

**October 30** – “Holy Halloween! – A Celebration of Life.” A multigenerational celebration of our ancestors, the cycle of life and the magic of the harvest season. Please bring pictures of your ancestors and other beloveds who have passed on, for our Community Ancestors Altar; and bring canned goods or other nonperishable food items for a food drive organized by the Children and Youth Ministries. Led by deer Sullivan, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, and Wilderness Sarchild, Lay Worship Leader.

from “The Cure at Troy” Seamus Heaney

Human beings suffer,  
they torture one another,  
they get hurt and get hard.  
No poem or play or song  
can fully right a wrong  
inflicted or endured.

History says, Don’t hope  
on this side of the grave.  
But then, once in a lifetime  
the longed for tidal wave  
of justice can rise up,  
and hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change  
on the far side of revenge.  
Believe that a further shore  
is reachable from here.  
Believe in miracles  
and cures and healing wells.



photo: Sue Swartzlander

## From the Co-Ministers

In these past few days I feel autumn coming in with a whisper after a number of beach-weather balmy days. The cool air, the need for a light jacket or overshirt, are comfort and coziness to me.

And we have begun the new church year so glad to be together again after a summer's worth of sun and, yes, storms, at least one tremendous one! Our services are lively and well-attended, old friends are returning, and we look forward to going home to our sanctuary very soon. The plan at this point: Christmas Eve! Meanwhile we're humming along, doing church as we do church at First Parish East.

At the end of August there was a terrific Financial Summit, the brainchild of Elenita Muniz and others, that brought together many of our church members to talk about our many financial responsibilities and assets. We brainstormed creative ideas for how to address our financial needs and to live abundantly. People signed up to work on various ideas budding in those conversations, and we will hear more in future weeks and months.

And then, in September, we kicked off our all-church justice initiative, GrOW: Greening Our World. Over 70 members and friends stayed after church, shared some lovely lunch provided by our Board and Council members (thank you again), and we met for two hours to begin. Think of it: many of you have wanted us to have a justice initiative that was "all-church," and now we have one. As Rev Mary said in her sermon that day, paradise is ours to create. And so we continue to do this work with compassion and care, reflection and action. We do this work by paying attention to our relationships with one another and with our neighbors and community partners.

Soon we will have a steering committee formed to best coordinate, with input through the Council too, in order to truly green our thinking and our processes, step by step, building from our brainstorms and our passions in the areas of worship and celebration, education for all, sustainability, and environmental justice. We have a fifth action group too: the UUA Green Sanctuary Application Action Group, charged with shepherding us through that specific process.

There will be much to do for all ages and abilities, on campus and beyond campus. We've taken an exciting next step in a long-term process: come GrOW with us!

-Rev JD

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## A Note from Stewardship

Our "Strive for Five" pledge campaign was a great success! To date we have received 252 pledges for a total of \$367,678. While a little short of our goal, it represents an impressive 12% increase over last year's pledge total and an amazing 19% increase to the average pledge. This is all the more remarkable given what we have been through in the past few years.

As "keeper of the pledges" for over twenty years, I was deeply moved to see how many members and friends really stretched to raise their pledges. We are a truly blessed community.

Gratefully, Susan Flaws for the Stewardship Committee

## Words from Dawn Walnut, President, Board of Trustees

Rev. Mary must have been feeling clairvoyant when she chose creation as the monthly theme for September, because this past month has been an extremely creative one at First Parish. For me it started with the Financial Summit at the very end of August and continued with the Justice Summit in mid-September. The ideas generated at those two events were downright inspiring. Ideas about how we can strengthen our church, enrich our commitment to the environment, and deepen our connection with the community. And even better than the ideas – if such a thing were possible – was the vitality and spirit of those who volunteered to take the raw ideas and help turn them into reality. You will be hearing more about the details over the coming months, and I hope that you will be inspired to join in – there will be something for everyone to do and something for everyone to enjoy.

It is particularly satisfying to see First Parish united in a common justice goal – that of Greening Our World. The Board of Trustees is committed to helping move this goal forward. Our budget for this year, which sets aside 5% of our operating fund for justice initiatives, is just one way we have prioritized the importance of this mission. You can be sure we will continue our work in supporting First Parish to do one of the things it does best: taking a stand, and making a difference.

On another note, for those of you who are curious about board meetings (and aren't we all?), board agendas can now be found on our website, approximately one week before each board meeting (the third Thursday of the month). You will find them in the "Members only" section, posted under the board tab. You can now also find board minutes posted on the website, in addition to their spot on the Winslow House bulletin board.

*--Dawn Walnut, Board President*

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## Council Report

The Council has been very busy in its first month this year. The Ministry Coordinators have been attending committee meetings, pouring over minutes, making contact with committee chairs and committee members, and writing reports - all part of the job of the council. Already, the Ministry Coordinators have noticed areas in which they might provide support to committees in their challenges, and with their goals. And already there has been valuable information passed to and from our ministers, board and committees.

One of the tasks assigned to the council is to gather committee chairs and other interested church members together a few times each year to share experiences, dreams, plans, difficulties, and other information. These gatherings are also an opportunity for groups to discover collaborative possibilities. The council is busy planning the first gathering, which will be held on Thursday, November 3rd, starting at 5:30 with a pot luck dinner. Please save the date.

On a sad note: Julie Pina, who agreed to be a Ministry Coordinator in the Faith-in-Action Ministry, has had to step down from her role. Julie was a professional right up until the last minute – she prepared a monthly report for a meeting she knew she would be unable to attend. Thank you, Julie, for a great - although unfortunately short - job. We are looking for a new Ministry Coordinator, so if you have ever wondered more about what the council does, now is a great time to find out. Feel free to contact me at dawnwalnut@comcast.net, and I'll be happy to answer your questions.

**New Lay Worship Leaders' Training:** Nov 5th, Saturday, 11 to 3. For more information contact Rev Mary or Jane Lowey.

**Committee Of Chairs Gathering:** Potluck and Meeting for committee chairpeople to share goals, challenges, solutions. Thursday, November 3rd, 5:30 to 8:30. Contact your ministry coordinators.

The Sower at Channing Memorial, Newport, RI, Photo: JD Benson



## October Music Notes

Dear First Parish,

I am just loving being back on schedule and making music with all of our talented musicians here at First Parish. In case you haven't noticed, the choir has been enjoying an accompanist! Lucy Banner has been playing for Wednesday evening rehearsals and on 'Choir Sundays'. She and I have worked together for many years between Cape Cod Opera, the Chatham Music Club and concert performances in general. She is a terrific musician and it has been absolutely delightful having her with us. I hope you'll stop by and introduce yourself.

The Chamber Orchestra will be joining forces with the choir soon. Look for a rousing rendition of "For All the Saints" on October 30th - it includes verses for the congregation also!

We are hoping to include more string players....actually, more players of any instrument, period. Some pieces of music just simply require more players so we need you to join us! We are having so much fun - please come forward and give it a try!

Rehearsals have begun on the **Magnificat** by John Rutter. This choral/orchestral work absolutely sparkles! It's exciting and reverent whether you're singing, playing or listening! If choir for the entire season is too large a commitment, please talk with me about singing for this piece at least. It is so beautiful - you won't want to miss it!

I have appreciated hymn suggestions and song suggestions for our services-- some of your favorites I assume. Thank you for your ideas -- I welcome them.

Research shows that people who sing are happier and appreciate life more.....did you sing today?!?

In peace and gratitude,

--Allison Beavan, Director of Music Ministry

## Lifespan Faith Development

Have you ever been to Ferry Beach? It's a fabulous Unitarian Universalist Camp and Conference Center in Maine and it offers weeklong programming all summer long. My spouse, Diane and our 17 year old twin nieces went for Religious Education week this summer. We had a wonderful experience partly due to how welcoming it was. The organizers of the conference matched up long-time Ferry Beach attendees with those of us who were new for dinner the first night and that gesture went such a long way. They had many other new family friendly practices too that showed they really understood what being new can be like.

It is not easy being new. It's natural to feel awkward, out of place and a little intimidated. The Children and Youth Ministries Committee (CYM) has a goal of strengthening and sustaining our families, and how we welcome and weave in new families is particularly important to this goal. If you are a long time member here we ask that you support us in this goal. Here are some ways you can do that:

- \*When you see a new family or a family you don't know, please stop everything- and say hello.
- \*When you are dropping your children off in the morning or picking them up later, give yourself a few extra moments to have conversations with people you don't know.
- \*Save the business (I've got to talk to so and so about school, work, etc...) and make space for ministering to those who seem to be new or alone or in need.
- \*Be a greeter for the Children's Worship on Sunday mornings- welcoming in everyone!
- \*Remember what it felt like when you were new to something, keep that feeling in your heart, if you tend to be shy that can give you a reason to go out on a limb a little.
- \*Mentor a new family. Let me know if you are interested and we can match you up with someone and give you guidelines on how to proceed.

Young Adult Gathering planned for late October, stay tuned! And Adult Faith Development still has a few openings for fall classes. Call the office Monday through Friday between 9 & 12 to sign up! Thanks for being here, showing up, reaching out and welcoming in, when you can, how you can and in your own special ways.

*--In peace, deer Sullivan*

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## Workshops You (and someone you know) Won't Want to Miss

**\*Panel on Immigration Issues/ Church-wide study issue November 4th 5:30-8:30**, Presentation and Pot Luck (bring a dish!), Parish Hall. "The historic perspective on immigration and current political dynamics." From Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), Felipe Zamborlini and Samuel Tso. Immigration is one of our two study issues at First Parish this year.

**\*Panel on End of Life Issues: Health Care Proxy, Planning Your Memorial and More Nov 5th 9:00-12noon**, Panel and Resources Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Guild. All adults should have documents in place. Hear from an attorney, a chaplain, and a lay volunteer working with people facing end-of-life issues. If you don't have up-to-date documents expressing your wishes for care, for memorial, you won't want to miss this.





# GrOW:

## Greening Our World

### Our First Parish Brewster All-Church Justice Initiative

<http://www.firstparishbrewster.org/GrOW>

Email: [GrOW@firstparishbrewster.org](mailto:GrOW@firstparishbrewster.org)

#### Children and Youth Ministry Green Sanctuary Events



Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are going on a field trip to the Brewster transfer station to see what is in our trash, go on a tour, and learn about recycling! They will also be weeding and picking potatoes with Sandy Nichols. First, second, and third graders will be planting garlic,

weeding and loving up the CYM garden for the wintertime.

#### The UUA Environmental Justice Curriculum Available in November!

Reported to have a focus on environmentalism, racial justice and sustainability. Curriculum will offer guidance for discussing these important issues and material that will help us learn new practices to further our efforts! There is no hierarchy of oppressions and we must recognize the interconnections! GrOW will look to offer a class in two cycles, in winter and spring. Stay tuned!

#### What Does It Mean to Eat Ethically?

Food is something we all depend on, and it has power beyond sustenance. Food has the power to remind us who we are, to connect to each other and the world at large. Ethical eating keeps the power of food in mind when making choices about what to buy, cook, and eat.

What is the ecological, social, and economic impact of the food on your plate? Were farm animals raised and slaughtered humanely? Were the people who harvested your fruits and vegetables paid a living wage? How do your food purchases add value to your health and that of your family and community? Ethical eating has many points of entry, but it starts with small changes you can take--one at a time.

Leigh Belanger, food writer and program director for Chefs Collaborative, a national network of chefs working on sustainable food issues, will lead a workshop on how to implement ethical eating in your daily life: **Saturday, November 12, 10:00 AM to**

**1:00 PM. Register soon--** call the office, sign up after Sunday's service, or email Paul Schlansky at [schlansky2@gmail.com](mailto:schlansky2@gmail.com).





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### Green Sanctuary/GrOW Planning

The Green Sanctuary program of the Unitarian Universalist Association started in 1989 with the 7th Principle Project, which promoted integration of environmental consciousness in UU faith communities by focusing on our Seventh Principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Since the current process, adopting the Welcoming Congregation model, began in 2002, 171 UU churches have earned the Green Sanctuary accreditation: 17 in MA and 2 on the Cape (Barnstable and Falmouth).

In the Green Sanctuary model, environmental consciousness and action permeate church life in four key areas. Our four action groups suggested the following-- **Worship and Celebrations:** create a photo archive and project our own nature images before services. Include more earth-based services (perhaps outdoors or at sunrise or sunset), and build a labyrinth for contemplation. **Education:** host a lecture series, education about healthier and more sustainable foods, maintain a Green Talent Bank at FPB (what do we each know that we can teach others?), and the develop a game to inspire us all to be greener. **Sustainability:** host a Farmers' Market at FPB, emphasize water issues, and reduce/reuse/recycle trash. **Environmental Justice:** work with Habitat for Humanity on green rehab of homes, including weatherization initiatives, with Lower Cape Outreach on their garden, and restock local food pantries with healthier and locally produced foods.

Greening Our World (GrOW), our all-church justice initiative, will undertake service **and** advocacy, build a multigenerational team, focus our work locally and globally, and address multicultural and socioeconomic issues embedded in our efforts as well.

If you were not able to attend the Summit but would like to help with planning, or have additional ideas, email [green@firstparishbrewster.org](mailto:green@firstparishbrewster.org) For more information, see the UUA Green Sanctuary Manual by [clicking here](#), and our brainstorming document by [clicking here](#). Stay tuned for many opportunities to work together!

**Did you know?** In 1994 the UUA passed an environmental justice resolution recognizing that environmental concerns are inextricably bound to issues of racial and class justice, noting that "the poor, the powerless, the landless, and the disinherited are often compelled to carry the major burdens of waste and pollution without representation in planning and decision-making processes."

## First Parish Brewster (FPB) 101: A New Look for an Old Favorite

Not just for newcomers, we are pleased to announce that our new member orientation has been re-named FPB 101 and joins a number of other programs as part of the newly created Adult Faith Development under the lay leadership of Paul Schlansky. Like its predecessor, FPB 101 provides a basic education about our congregation and its relationship to the broader denomination of Unitarian Universalism. Those who attend this one-session class will come away with a better understanding of how FPB is currently organized, its governance and how it functions on a day-to-day basis. We offer a brief history of the denomination we belong to and some of the ways members can join in a variety of church activities. Members also have a chance to ask questions and share information about their unique spiritual journeys.

We will offer three opportunities for you to take FPB 101 during this church year. The remaining dates and times of this church year's sessions are **Saturday, January 21, 2012, 9 to 11:30 am**, and **Sunday, April 22, 2012, 1 to 3 pm**, a mix we hope will accommodate more of your schedules. All sessions will be held in the Parish Room.

We invite you to learn more about our congregation as an evolving religious home. Ours is a religious home in which to grow and learn, to build community, and to find a way to take what you find here and bring it out into the world. And absolutely: this is for current members who want to be updated and for friends considering membership, too. Join us! And please feel free to contact Rosanne Shapiro, Membership Chair, with any questions you might have: [lunaseacreations@verizon.net](mailto:lunaseacreations@verizon.net).

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## One Person's Journey

It is my belief that complexity surrounds and serves us in all that we do. I have always found myself motivated by, and even at peace with, the ongoing striving to better understand and find meaning in our inherently chaotic environment, both within and around. I have grinned and challenged my students over the years to reach, blunder, and revel in the tumble! It's my hope that the state of tumbling is what gives rise to reaching, and that is a view that seems to be embraced within Unitarian Universalism.

My great grandfather and his father were Primitive Baptist ministers in Louisiana. My parents had moved away from their respective conservative religious roots, and joined the Presbyterian Church, where they assumed roles in religious education and church leadership. We belonged to very progressive Presbyterian congregations, and during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960's and 1970's, my parents found community in the church as a support for pursuing issues of social justice. I joined them in these endeavors, and felt very committed to the activities in which we were involved. Still, I struggled with the religious aspects of a doctrine that, on one hand, promoted divine love and acceptance, and on the other, was prescriptive and traditional in matters of religious interpretation.

As a freshman at Tufts, I wandered into our university's beautiful, stone Goddard Chapel one gorgeous, autumn afternoon, and found a program from a recent service. Tufts was the home to Crane Theological School from 1869-1968, a Universalist seminary, and it still holds Universalist tradition as its cornerstone. It was inspiring to feel a part of a home that not only was not afraid of complexity, but embraced it. After moving to Dallas, Texas in 1980, I sought out the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, a liberal religious oasis set amongst such a conservative landscape. Now, finding our way to First Parish Brewster, with its magnificently welcoming and warm community of soulful individuals, has been a gift of a lifetime, and I feel so honored to be able to be a part of our community's journey, tumbling forward.

--Rebecca Stephens (Becky), *member*



### Want to Make a Difference?

The office at First Parish Brewster could use a few good volunteers to substitute for a day occasionally. If you have any interest in helping, please e-mail COVE@firstparishbrewster.org or call us at 508-896-5577 (ext. 304).

The office hours are from 9-12, Monday through Friday. We are happy to give you a short training session so that you will be very comfortable answering the phone, making copies, and greeting people when they come to the office.

You will learn a lot about the workings of the church and get to meet the wonderful people who make up this community. We would only call on you when we needed a substitute so this is not time consuming. Please help if you can.

### Our Fall Training is Scheduled; the Content is Planned. All We Need is You!

**Interested in a lay "listening ministry"? Join the Pastoral Associates Ministry!**

If you have it in your heart and are a good listener--or want to work toward becoming one--and can make the commitment to be a pastoral associate, this may be the greatest gift you give yourself! An interview is required. Once you and we decide this may be a good match, you'll be scheduled to attend the initial training. A monthly training and discussion meeting is part of the commitment from you to the ministry team and from us to you (and they are rewarding, fun and help deepen our connection to one another). Contact Sue Eitel or Rev JD for more information.

### Partner Church News: Storms Haven in Jobbagyfalva, Transylvania

Electricity comes to the John & Betsey Skerit room of Storms Haven! Rev Szilard Sandor has worked with a government grant this summer to further the completion of the building we at First Parish Brewster have put our treasure toward.



Margit Laszlo, Angela Szasz, Ferenc Tanaszi, Arpad Fazakas, Eniko Eva Mihaly, Jozsef Fazakas, and Csaba Levente Szasz

### Learn More about our Partner Church and Transylvania

Sandy Nichols will present a slide show about her trip to Transylvania last year.

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 21 from 6p-9p in Fellowship Hall.**

Sandy has many updates of people and projects to share.



**The Thrift Shop had a great summer**-- lots of first time visitors and many repeat customers. We are often complimented on our wonderful selection of merchandise and the lovely building we have. Donations remain plentiful, and we hope that you are continuing to clean out your closets, attics, basements and garages and will bring us all your treasures. We will be holding a clearance/yard sale on **October 7th and 8th**. This is Columbus Day weekend, and we hope to take advantage of the many visitors to Cape Cod.

If you are looking for some unique treasures, stop and shop at the sale. If you have items that you would like to donate for the sale, please contact Linda Delorey, store manager. We have limited storage space so will want your items as close to the actual sale date as possible. Thanks again for your continued support and keep on thrifting (the ultimate in recycling).

**Keep on Thrifting**



**70 UP Meets Last Thursday of the Month**

**October 27 from 12 noon to 1:30**

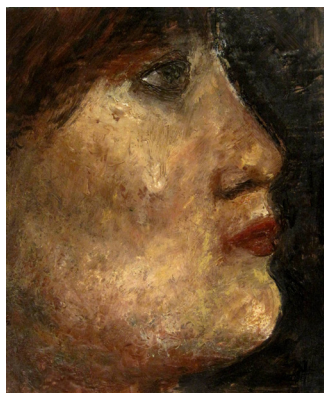
Members and friends of FPB, if you are 70 or older please join us for a brown bag lunch and discussion. Meeting at Winslow House. Call the office to let us know you will be attending.

**You Did It!!** You went green by giving up the print version of the monthly **Angle**. Uh-oh: didn't mean to do it and didn't respond to our requests to know you needed to continue with print? Or perhaps you are the person whose returned postcard emerged from postal machinery torn in half? Sorry-- we only got the nameless half). Want back on the mailing list? Please call the office TODAY!

**DON'T WANT TO MISS FILMS**

**Hopeful, Informative and Free Showing: Let's Have a Strong FPB Turnout!** SPONSORED BY THE CAPE COD COALITION OF WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS. You're invited to a special screening of the Award-winning documentary "GEN SILENT", **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 10:00 am – 12 noon** at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, 204 Monument Road, Orleans. FREE ADMISSION. Film and Discussion led by Barrie Atkin, "Gen Silent" Executive Producer. This film puts a face on the epidemic of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender older adults so afraid of discrimination and bullying in long-term/health care that many go back into the closet because of feelings of distrust and dangerous isolation. Many who fought for equality are dying prematurely because they don't ask for help and are estranged from their families. But a growing number of people are working to protect LGBT older adults and caregivers. SEE IT! For more information, call Linda Bailey-Davies

**Monthly SINFUL DESSERTS & Film & Discussion Series Monday, November 7, 2011, True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers, 6:30 – 9 PM** Suggested Donation: \$5 to cover costs. Fellowship Hall. True Whispers is the personal and heartfelt story of the Navajo Code Talkers. Young Navajo men were recruited from government boarding schools to serve in the U.S. Marines during World War II. From 1942-1945, they devised an unbreakable code in their native language and transmitted vital messages to military forces in the Pacific. A moving testament to these forgotten heroes and their wartime contributions. Breathtaking images of the Navajo reservation, original music, graphic WW II footage, archival photographs, historical re-enactments, and interviews with Navajo historians and leaders of the Navajo Nation.\* Wheelchair accessible, though a bit rough due to construction. For more information: Tia Cross, One Earth, One People and the Racial Justice Committees of First Parish, sponsors.



**Endless Impossibilities** (October 15-Nov. 20), First Parish member Marie Canaves' one-woman show of drawings, oil paintings, and encaustic, dedicated to her partner of 40 years who passed away after a life-long struggle with chronic illnesses. The show's title refers to the sometimes insurmountable struggles of life. Marie gives voice to life's struggles and honors the courage, strength, and perseverance that living life fully requires, exploring the magic inherent in both the human psyche and soul, capable of pulling out miracles just when something appears most impossible. Opening: **Oct. 15th 5-7pm at The Studio on Slough Road**

**Save the Date -- UUA Healthy Congregations Conference in Hingham, 9 am - 4 pm, Nov. 12.**

deer Sullivan, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, is gathering a team from First Parish to attend this important event to learn how to improve congregational culture regarding conflict, communication, and more. Contact deer for more information if you are interested.

**Cape Cod Dare' will be meeting October 16 from noon to 6pm** (at the home of Wilderness Sarchild and Chuck Madansky), rather than the usual last Sunday of the month, because Mandaza Kandemwa will be visiting from Zimbabwe. Mandaza, born a Svikiro (a healer in Shona, his native tongue), is a carrier of many earth and water spirits. He is also a Mhondro, a peacemaker, and one who is in constant prayer on behalf of others. Mandaza receives visions and dreams, makes offerings, performs healing rituals, and serves as a messenger for the Ancient ones. Like the water spirits he carries, Mandaza flows easily between the worlds of organized religion, the secular, indigenous wisdom, and modern and ancient earth ways. While on Cape Cod, Mandaza will be offering healing sessions (at dare' and other times) and various speaking engagements, including the Brewster Ladies Library on 10/18 at 7pm. See: [www.capecoddare.org](http://www.capecoddare.org) for a list of all events, directions, etc. Call Chuck or Wilderness with questions.

**Pathway to Membership:** There are three steps to membership:

**1.** Attend one of three FPB 101 sessions (formerly known as "Orientations") during the 2011-2012 church year; remaining sessions are on Saturday, **January 21st** from 9 - 11:30 a.m., and Sunday, **April 22nd** from 1 - 3 p.m., in the Parish Room on our main (6A) campus. Unable to attend an FPB 101 session but eager to join, please contact Rosanne Shapiro.

**2.** Make a financial commitment or contribution of record to the church. The ministers, or any member of the Membership or Stewardship Committees, will be glad to help you understand the purpose of your pledge.

**3.** Sign the Membership Book!

We encourage you to participate in as many FPB events/ activities as you can, so you will get to know more about First Parish Brewster and its members. For more information, please contact Rosanne Shapiro (or [lunaseacreations@verizon.net](mailto:lunaseacreations@verizon.net)).

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