



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

The Parish Press

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Fall 2008

The Times They Are A Changin'

New for this Church year are the time for the start of Sunday School and Church. The new time for Sunday School is 4:30 pm and Church is 5:30 pm. Church Services and Sunday School begin on September 14th.

CHURCH NEWS

2008–2009 Annual Community Giving Campaign – The Annual Community Giving Campaign for the 2008-2009 Church year is now underway. We are very grateful for the financial support received during this campaign. It is not too late to send in your yearly pledges or annual gift. Please help us continue our ministry and preserve our building. You may mail your contributions to the Church at P.O. Box 509. For further information on giving and membership, please contact Rev. Ralph Clarke at 978-808-3770, or any Parish Committee Member.

Visit our Booth at Field Day – Saturday, September 6th we will have a table at the Town's Annual Field Day from 9 am to 4 pm at Curtis Field on Rt. 68. This year's quilt is a *Log Cabin Country* pattern and will be on display and chances may be purchased. The winner will be drawn at the Gingerbread Fair on December 6th. This large hand made quilt is being fashioned by Church member Carol Whitney. Also, available are homemade jams and jellies, hand packed spices, knitting, catnip mice, homemade all natural dog biscuits and the Fall 2008 Round of 1-20 Club tickets. Be sure to pick up a copy of The Church 2008-09 schedule of events. Information on Sunday School will also be available.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9-6 *Field Day*
9 am to 4 pm
- 9-14 *Church/Sunday School begin*
- 9-28 *Annual Meeting*
6:30 pm
- 11-8 *Vendor Fair: 10 am to 3 pm*
United Bell Ringers: 7 pm
- 11-23 *Farmer's Market*
12 noon to 3 pm
- 12-6 *Gingerbread Fair*
9 am to 3 pm
- 12-7 *Dana Brass*
5:30 pm
- 12-14 *Children's Play & Party 4:30 pm*
Christmas Pot Luck 5:30 pm
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve Service*
5 pm

Rev. Ralph Clarke
RE Director: Nancy Hubbard

Pianist: Melissa Dymek

Church 5:30 pm
Sunday School 4:30 pm

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Sunday School & Church Services resume – Sunday, September 14th services will resume at 5:30 pm, a new time this year, preceded by Sunday School at 4:30 pm. Services include singing, children’s story, prayer, sharing of joys & sorrows and the sermon delivered by Rev. Ralph Clarke. Rev. Clarke is beginning his 6th year here as our minister. Melissa Dymek, our pianist is also returning for her 5th year. Welcome back Rev. Ralph & Melissa. Our active Sunday School program includes traditional Bible stories, beliefs, plays, and fun in a religious educational format. Nancy Hubbard is our Religious Education Director. For more info contact her at 978-928-5964. We welcome her back, and thank her for her devotion to our children and Sunday School.

Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series with Pot Luck Supper – Back by popular demand, is our series of musical presentations on the second Sunday of the month taking place during our 5:30 pm service. In addition, every second Sunday is a Pot Luck Supper at 4:30 pm. Each musician will perform about 20 minutes as part of the worship service. This is a nondenominational service.

- Oct 19th TBA
- Nov 9th Chair City Pipers
- Dec 14th Pioneer Valley Brass
- Jan 11th Mark Fisher, singer and guitarist
- Feb 8th TBA
- Mar 8th TBA
- *Apr 5th TBA
- May 11th Sunday School Children’s Play

*First Sunday

Annual Meeting, September 28th – The Annual meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, September 28th at 6:30 pm, directly after the 5:30 pm service. The agenda includes election of officers, presentation of annual reports, membership review, ministerial concerns and new and old business. Please try to attend this meeting as it is an important part of our Church government.

Fall Indoor Yard Sale – Saturday, October 18th is our Fall Indoor Yard Sale from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations for the Chinese Auction Table are needed. You can find treasures at every table; white elephant, books & puzzles, toys & games, clothing, jams & jellies, knitting and chances for the quilt will be sold. The Spice Shoppe will be open. Our famous “Church Lady Luncheon” of soup, sandwiches and homemade baked goods will be served all day. Donations of gently used items can be dropped off Friday night, October 17th from 7 to 9 pm.

Halloween Friday, October 31st – Make sure you put the Church on the list for one of your Trick or Treat stops. Please contact the Hubbardston Police Department closer to the date for the exact time of Trick or Treat. The Church Ghouls are always looking for candy donations to hand out. Please support the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) by donating as our



Sunday School children Trick or Treat for UNICEF through-out town.

Vendor Fair, Saturday, Nov 8th 10 am to 3 pm – The Church will be hosting this for the third year. This is an “At Home Party” shopping extravaganza. Vendor space is available. Please contact Stephanie LeBlanc at 978-928-1160 or e-mail her at sleblancpc@hotmail.com to reserve your space. Our famous “Church Lady Luncheon” of soup, sandwiches and homemade baked goods will be served all day.

United Bell Ringers Concert, Saturday, Nov 8th at 7 pm – This Hand Bell Choir, from Littleton, MA, through the use of all sizes and tones of bells will provide a one hour musical program in our sanctuary. To the best of our recollections, this will be a first in Town and our acoustically perfect sanctuary. Let’s show our support by “packing the house”. This choir has 14 members, each playing a number of different bells. The choir plays religious, popular, and secular music with many selections that are known to the younger audience. This program is supported by a grant from the Hubbardston Local Cultural Council. Light refreshments will be served following the concert in the vestry.



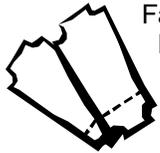
Thanksgiving Farmer’s Market – Sunday, November 23rd noon to 3 pm. The Hubbardston Historical Society will hold its second annual market at the historic Williamsville Chapel on Burnshirt Road. Locally grown foods to grace your Thanksgiving table will be sold, including fresh organically grown vegetables, baked goods and treats. Come early!! The Church will have a table with jams & jellies and seasonal decorations made from locally grown earth products.

Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free Concert – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Sunday, December 7th at 5:30 pm. The quintet includes trumpets, horns, trombones and a tuba. The concert features an array of our favorite holiday songs arranged by the quintet members. This musical organization was formed when the towns of the Quabbin Reservoir were flooded. The First Universalist Parish of Dana established a trust fund to keep the memory of North Dana and their churches alive.

Here is the Church. Here is the Steeple. Open the door and see all the people – At Hubbardston’s Annual meeting held on June 3rd, with a record turnout, the Town voted overwhelmingly to support our request for CPA funding, 157 yes, 28 no. The Church received a \$75,000 Community Preservation Grant. This amount along with our \$40,000 matching grant from Massachusetts Preservation Fund through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Francis Galvin, chairman, makes it possible to complete the work we outlined as Phase I with our architects, CHENOT & Associates. The local newspaper headlines were startling: *Parish tries to restore 1773 Church, Church, Cemetery Repairs*

Highlight CPA Requests, Voters Approve Church, Common Preservation Projects, Church, Town Land Agreements in Legal Limbo. Then appearing on June 25th was: *After 150 Years, Church & Town Agree.* It is not over yet. Now the Town and the Church must complete the final steps to divide the land, do an eminent domain taking and as the last step record the new lots with the Registry of Deeds. Please keep cheering us on!!!!

Fall 2008 Round of 1-20 TICKETS AVAILABLE – the Fall 1-20 Club tickets are available for sale. Each ticket is \$20. Weekly drawings for \$50 will be drawn for 12 weeks. The drawings are held on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM at the church. In addition to the 12 weeks, there are 4 drawings for: 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$100 and 4th - \$50. The winners for the Spring 2008 round were: \$50 Cyndy Doane, Jason Ward, Bill Chapman, Heidi Norcross, Brian Boucher, Diane Lanney, Paula Stasukelis, Richard Anderson, Bev Ward, George & Elaine Graves, Nadine Hill, Lori Prentiss. The final 4 drawings were \$150: George & Elaine Graves, \$100: Bill Homans & Velma Rivers, \$50: Fran Ward. Thank you all for your continued support. Contact Barbara at 978-928-4475 to purchase a ticket.



Flowers for Sunday Services – Placing flowers on the alter in the Sanctuary, is a unique and tender way to celebrate a special occasion, mark an important milestone or remember a loved one. If you and your family would like to provide flowers for a Sunday Service, please call the Church and leave a message with your name, date of service and the occasion or mark the flower calendar on the downstairs bulletin board.

Parish Committee News – The PC meets every Wednesday at 3 or 7 pm at the Church. This year our main focus is on the restoration currently underway on the exterior of the building. The Murray Brothers Construction Co., Inc. of Leominster began the project on May 27th. It will be completed in the early fall of this year. Then it will be time to begin Phase II, which we are developing now. We have set up an interesting 2008-09 Event Schedule and hope you post it in a convenient place in your home. The PC is able to continue our work with the support and kindness from all our members & friends. Please contact any one of us with questions, ideas or concerns. Our phone #'s are Barbara Hubbard – 978-928-4475, Mary Taylor – 978-928-4289, Carol Whitney – 978-928-3748, Cyndy Doane – 978-928-4866 and Lori Prentiss – 978-928-5818.

Take Me Out To The Ball Game Winner! – The lucky winner of this year's Red Sox ticket raffle was Jim Dunbar, a true Red Sox fan. Cyndy Doane sold her co-worker the winning ticket. It was drawn on May 11th, 2008 allowing 4 people to attend the game at Fenway Park. We know that Jim and family enjoyed the game on June 3rd against Tampa Bay. The Sox won 7 to 4.

Gingerbread Fair – The annual Gingerbread Fair will be held on Saturday December 6th from 9 am to 3 pm. Our bighearted members along with our supportive and kind friends continue to donate time and services to make this a festive day filled with music, food, conversation, raffles and reconnecting with friends and neighbors. Friday Crafts at 3 pm in the Vestry will be gearing up with Mary Taylor this fall. New for the fair will be the pet portion of the Crafts table.

Log Cabin Country Quilt – Carol Whitney has once again made a beautiful quilt. This *Log Cabin Country* quilt will be raffled off at the 2008 Gingerbread Fair December 6th. It is described as being 70" x 80", hand quilted and pieced in graduated shades of tan, reds, and greens accented with a multi colored paisley border. The backing is a green paisley print. This quilt is appropriate for year round use, done in shades that are everlasting. You may see it and purchase tickets at Field Day, the Fall Indoor Yard Sale, the Vendor Fair and the Gingerbread Fair. We will be enclosing tickets in our next issue of the *Parish Press*. This is a must see, one of a kind quilt. Chances for the quilt are \$1/1 and 6/\$5.



Welcome Back MOM's Club – The MOM's club of Hubbardston meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 10 am at the Church. For more information visit them online at momsclubofhubbardston@yahoo.com.

Milestones – The Greater Church community has lost four life long residents. Taimi Erickson passed away in November of 2007. Bill Suojanen, Shirley Green and Johnnie Ouellette passed away the last week of April & Bill Chapman at the end of May 2008. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends.

Wish List at the Church – We continue to search for a gently used fireproof filing cabinet. Please contact the Parish Committee if you are able to help with this. The Church kitchen is also looking for restaurant quality nested metal bowls. We are also hoping that everyone returns 8 oz. glass jelly jars. So give up your favorite milk glass and bring it to the Church.

Announcing Maplewind Arts – Maplewind Arts is a community arts center to be located in the vestry of our Church and open to all in the greater Hubbardston area. Most classes will be beginning September 2nd. There are over 19 course opportunities this fall with offerings in Drama, Dance, Art, Music and Creative Writing. Classes are available to students from preschool through adult as well as courses for homeschoolers. Maplewind Arts is looking forward to presenting special events throughout the year in the form of concerts, dances, exhibits, lectures and presentations. For more information, contact killough-miller@maplewind.org or visit www.maplewind.org for the brochure and current Class Schedule. Maplewind's mailing address is P.O. Box 79, Hubbardston, MA, phone: 508-882-3439.



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Coming Events 2008 – 2009

September 6th, Saturday	Field Day, Rt. 68	9 am to 4 pm
September 14th, Sunday	Sunday School begins Church Services resume	4:30 pm 5:30 pm
September 28th, Sunday	Annual Meeting	6:30 pm
October 18th, Saturday	Fall Indoor Yard Sale	9 am to 2 pm
November 8th, Saturday	Vendor Fair United Bell Ringers	10 am to 3 pm 7 pm
November 23rd, Sunday	Thanksgiving Farmer's Market Williamsville Chapel	12 noon to 3 pm
December 6th, Saturday	Gingerbread Fair	9 am to 3 pm
December 7th, Sunday	Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Concert	5:30 pm
December 14th, Sunday	Children's Christmas Play & Party Christmas Pot Luck	4:30 pm 5:30 pm
December 24th, Wednesday	Christmas Eve Service	5 pm
April 12th, Sunday	Easter Service	7:30 am
April 18th, Saturday	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	9 am to 2 pm
May 3rd, Sunday	Recognition Service	5:30 pm
May 10th, Sunday	Mother's Day Pot Luck Children's Sunday	4:30 pm 5:30 pm
June TBA	Town wide Yard Sale	8 am to 2 pm

For additional events go to our website hubbardstonunitarian.org or watch local papers and cable TV

Prepare for Fair workshop dates

October 17th, Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 pm to 9 pm
November 19th, Wednesday	Berry Bowl Making	7 pm
November 23rd, Sunday	Cemetery Basket Assembly	12 noon
November 28th-30th, Fri/Sat/Sun	Laurel Wreath Making	9 am to 3 pm
December 5th, Friday	Gingerbread Fair Set up	7 pm to 9 pm
April 8th, Wednesday	Sanctuary cleaning	7 pm
April 17th, Friday	Yard sale set up	7 pm to 9 pm